



Proceedings

—OF THE—

Twenty-Sixth Annual Session.

—OF THE—

Grand Lodge ...of British Columbia.

—OF THE—

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

HELD AT

Victoria, B. C., June 13th, 14th and 15th.

1900.



VICTORIA, B. C.

T. R. GUSACK, PRINTER, 25 BROAD STREET,
1900.

PAST GRAND MASTERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF B. C., I.O.O.F.

*J. S. DRUMMOND.....	1874.....	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
=JOHN WEILER.....	1875.....	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
†J. P. DAVIES.....	1876.....	Columbia Lodge, No. 2.
*R. ROBERTS.....	1877.....	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
†W. J. JEFFARE.....	1878.....	Columbia Lodge, No. 2.
†CHARLES GOWEN.....	1879.....	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
J. WRIGLESWORTH.....	1880.....	Dominion Lodge, No. 4.
B. W. SMILES.....	1881.....	New Westminster Lodge, No. 3.
HENRY WALLIS.....	1882.....	Columbia Lodge, No. 2.
ALEXANDER PHILLIPS.....	1883.....	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
W. D. McKILICAN.....	1884.....	Dominion Lodge, No. 4.
WM. McOOLL.....	1885.....	New Westminster Lodge, No. 3.
FRED'K CARNE.....	1886.....	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
JOSHUA DAVIES.....	1887.....	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
JOSHUA DAVIES, re-elected.....	1888.....	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
J. H. MELDRAM.....	1889.....	Columbia Lodge, No. 2.
E. QUINNELL.....	1890.....	Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.
J. E. PHILLIPS.....	1891.....	Dominion Lodge, No. 4.
J. E. PHILLIPS.....	1892.....	New Westminster Lodge, No. 3.
JAMES CROSSAN.....	1893.....	Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.
T. O. GRAY.....	1894.....	Western Star Lodge, No. 10.
W. E. HOLMES.....	1895.....	Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
H. B. GILMOUR.....	1896.....	Western Star Lodge, No. 10.
W. H. MORTON.....	1897.....	Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.
A. HENDERSON.....	1898.....	Columbia Lodge, No. 2.
D. WELSH.....	1899.....	Royal City Lodge, No. 3.

* Died 6th February, 1884. † Died 20th September, 1873.
 ‡ Died 18th March, 1875. § Died 8th December, 1892.
 × Died 24th December, 1897. | Ceased membership.
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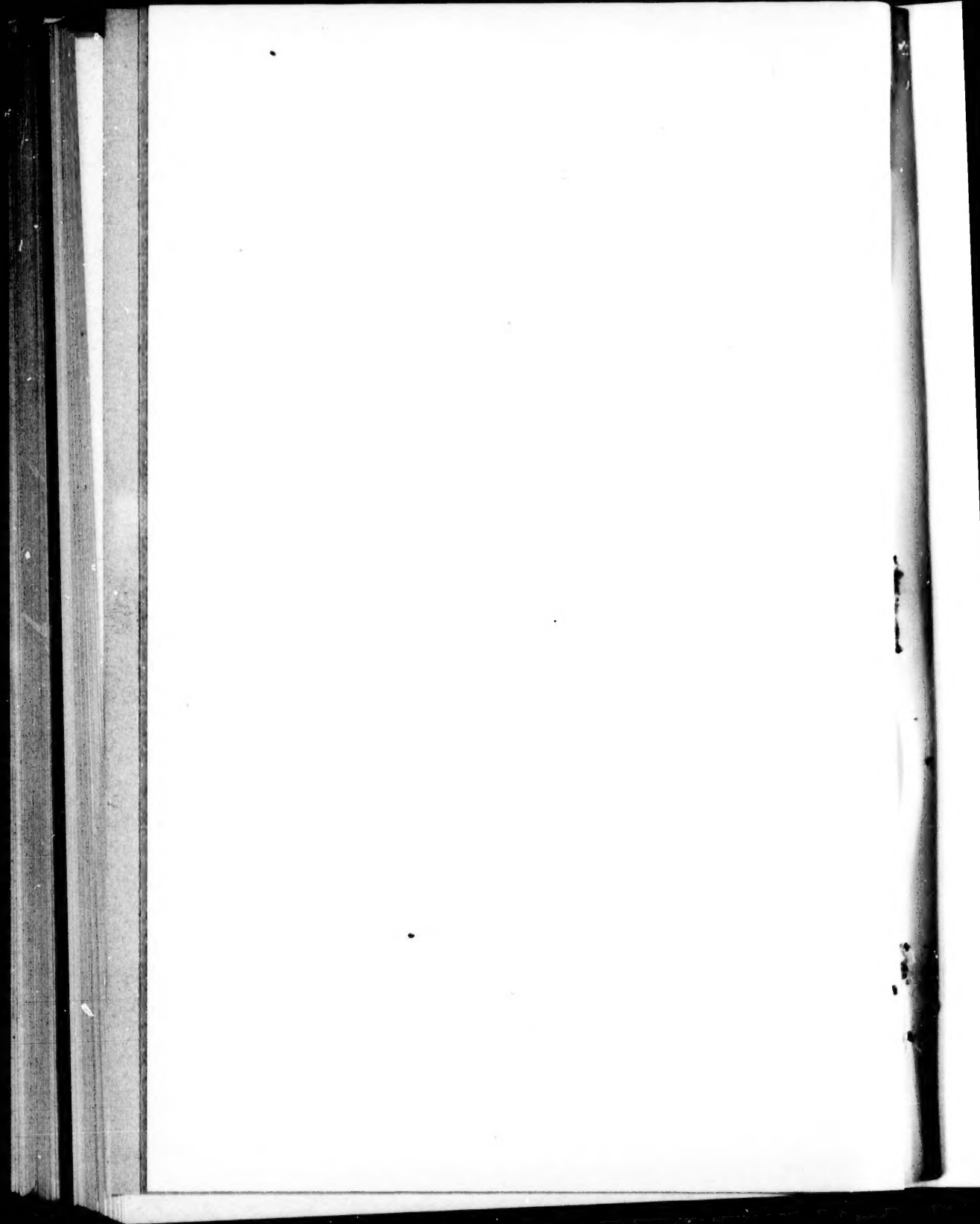
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GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I.O.O.F.

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION.

ODD FELLOWS HALL,
VICTORIA, B. C., 13th June, 1900.

The Grand Lodge convened at 10 o'clock a. m., this day pursuant to notice.

Present:—

D. Welsh.....	Grand Master.
W. E. Johnstone.....	Deputy Grand Master.
W. Hogg.....	Grand Warden.
Fred. Davey	" Secretary.
J. Stark.....	" Treasurer.
J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 3.....	" Representative.
P. W. Dempster	" Representative.
A. Graham.....	" Marshal.
J. Peers.....	" Guardian.

The Grand Master appointed H. Siddall, No. 33, to act as Grand Chaplain, J. Crossan, P. G. M. No. 5, as Grand Conductor, and E. Bragg, No. 4, as Grand Herald, pro tem.

All present were examined and reported duly qualified.

The Deputy Grand Master by command of the Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge duly opened for business.

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials of the Representatives elect and the certificates of the Past Grands entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree, which were referred to the following Committee:—T. F. Neelands, No. 8; P. W. Dempster, No. 2 and T. A. Muir, No. 3.

It was on motion Resolved. That the Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 2 o'clock, p. m. to-day.

The Grand Lodge accordingly adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 2 p.m., the Grand Lodge Officers and a quorum of Representatives present.

All present having been examined and reported qualified, the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following Report, which was adopted:—

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report that they have examined the Credentials of the Representatives to this Session and find the following duly accredited:—

LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVES.	ALTERNATES.
Victoria, No. 1.....	J. York.	F. Carne, P. G. M.
	A. Rumble.	W. H. Huxtable.
Columbia, No. 2.....	G. T. Fox.	R. W. Fawcett.
	J. Pottinger.	C. W. Jenkinson.

LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVES.	ALTERNATES.
Royal City, No. 3	D. E. Mackenzie. T. A. Muir. W. S. Smith.	D. Walker. W. E. Fales. J. C. McArthur.
Dominion, No. 4.	James Bell. Rd. Drake. E. Bragg.	F. Kermode. W. Merrifield. P. A. Babington.
Black Diamond, No. 5.	J. Crossan, P.G.M. J. B. Nicholson,	R. Rivers. H. McAdie.
Harmony, No. 6.	Jas. McMullin. M. Dunsmuir.	A. Robertson. R. Gregson.
Excelsior, No. 7.	T. Knight.	R. J. Marshall.
Vancouver, No. 8.	T. F. Neelands. A. Mitchell.	Geo. Walker. J. McKay.
Tatnai, No. 9.	T. E. Marshall.	D. Power.
Western Star, No. 10.	W. Law. A. Parker. D. M. O'Dwyer. E. P. Dennis.	A. McAllister. G. Moscrop. H. McDonald. W. Wallace.
Union, No. 11.	L. C. McDonald	D. R. McDonald.
Selkirk, No. 12.	J. Palmer.	R. Gordon.
Cloverdale, No. 15.	R. B. Collishaw.	H. Bose.
Kootenay, No. 16.	E. C. Arthur, M.D.	A. G. Shaw.
Duncan, No. 17.	A. C. Atkin.	O. P. Stamer.
Vernon Valley, No. 18.	T. Crowell.	R. Wilson.
Mount Pleasant, No. 19.	G. H. Middlemiss	R. Mills.
Centennial, No. 20.	J. Neen.	W. H. Thorpe.
Delta, No. 21.	T. Sherman.	A. Davie.
Gold Range, No. 22.	James Malcom	J. Z. Choate
Ashcroft, No. 23.	J. W. Burr.	W. Shaw.
Island, No. 24.	S. Churchill.	R. H. Abercrombie
Revelstoke, No. 25.	P. J. Moore.	J. A. Stone.
Pacific, No. 26.	G. R. Gordon. F. Cockburn. H. J. Rickard. H. Montgomery.	G. L. Center. P. S. Brown. J. Ramsay. S. A. Currie.
Amity, No. 27.	W. H. Gardiner. R. May. E. L. Webber.	C. C. Fisher. J. A. Johnson. D. McPherson.
Cheam, No. 28.	H. L. Calvert.	W. J. English.
Banner, No. 31.	Theo. Bryant.	R. Williamson.
Peerless, No. 33.	R. Livingstone. D. Lindsay,	H. Siddall. G. W. Harrison.
Rocky Mountain, No. 34.	C. A. Warren.	H. G. Parsons.
Cedar, No. 35.	C. L. McDonald	G. Coles.

LODGE.	REPRESENTATIVES.	ALTERNATES.
Rossland, No. 36	F. E. French.	J. E. Cummings.
	H. J. Raymer P.G.M.D. E. Kerr.	
Carson, No. 37	W. M. Clark.	J. McLaren.
Boundary Valley, No. 38	W. M. Law.	R. Smailes.
Silver City, No. 39	M. L. Grimmett.	Geo. Waite.
Slocan, No. 40	Paul Hauck.	A. E. Teeter.
Trout Lake, No. 41	T. Taylor.	
Key City, No. 42	T. C. Gray, P.G.M.	
Enterprise, No. 43	P. Ryan.	W. A. Jackson.

Also that the following Past Grands are entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree :—

Victoria, No. 1	A. Rumble.
Columbia, No. 2	C. W. Jenkinson.
Royal City, No. 3	W. J. Sloan, W. H. Neelands.
Dominion, No. 4	James Bell, J. Newbigging.
Black Diamond, No. 5	J. Carroll.
Harmony, No. 6	R. P. Morris, J. McMullin.
Excelsior, No. 7	T. Knight.
Vancouver, No. 8	H. Matheson, A. Mitchell.
Tatnai, No. 9	D. Power, J. D. Swanson.
Western Star, No. 10	H. McDonald, W. Law.
Union, No. 11	L. C. McDonald, D. R. McDonald.
Cloverdale, No. 15	R. B. Collishaw, H. Bose.
Kootenay, No. 16	E. C. Arthur, M. D. A. G. Shaw.
Duncan, No. 17	S. J. Hagan, W. G. Manley.
Vernon Valley, No. 18	Thos. Crowell.
Mount Pleasant, No. 19	J. Shinnen.
Centennial, No. 20	P. Cain, W. H. Thorpe.
Delta, No. 21	T. Sherman.
Gold Range, No. 22	J. Malcom.
Island, No. 24	S. Churchill, R. H. Abercrombie.
Revelstoke, No. 25	P. J. Moore.
Pacific, No. 26	H. Montgomery.
Amity, No. 27	E. L. Webber.
Cheam, No. 28	W. J. English.
Banner, No. 31	W. D. Gordon, R. Williamson.
Peerless, No. 33	R. Livingstone.
Cedar, No. 35	C. L. McDonald, G. Coles.
Rossland, No. 36	J. R. Jones, F. E. French.
Boundary Valley, No. 38	W. M. Law.
Silver City, No. 39	M. L. Grimmett, Geo. Waite.
Slocan, No. 40	Paul Hauck.
Trout Lake, No. 41	T. Taylor.
Enterprise, No. 43	P. Ryan.

We beg to state that we find no Representatives Certificate for Key City Lodge, No. 42 but a telegram has been received this morning from Bro. R. E. Beattie, D.D.G.M., stating that Bro. T. C. Gray, P.G.M., has been authorized to act as representative. We therefore recommend that the name of Bro. T. C. Gray, P. G. M. for No. 42, be included in the list of representatives.

Fraternally submitted,

T. F. NEELANDS,
P. W. DEMPSTER,
T. A. MUIR.

Committee.

The Grand Marshal retired and introduced the Past Grands in waiting and the Grand Lodge Degree was conferred on the following:—A. Rumble, E. Schafer, No. 1 ; R. Hall, No. 2 ; J. Bell, No. 4 ; J. McMullin, No. 6 ; T. Knight, No. 7 ; A. Mitchell, No. 8 ; T. Marshall, No. 9 ; W. Law, No. 10 ; L. C. McDonald, No. 11 ; R. Collishaw, No. 15 ; E. C. Arthur, M. D., No. 16 ; T. E. Crowell, No. 18 ; W. H. Thorpe, No. 20 ; T. Sherman, No. 21 ; J. Malcom, No. 22 ; S. Churchill, No. 24 ; P. J. Moore, No. 25 ; E. L. Webber, No. 27 ; T. Bryant, No. 31 ; R. Livingstone, No. 33 ; C. L. McDonald, No. 35 ; F. E. French, No. 36 ; G. Waite, No. 39 ; P. Hauck, No. 40 ; T. Taylor, No. 41 ; P. Ryan, No. 43.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

Bro. R. J. Tuffts, P. G. Minerva Lodge, No. 197, Hamilton, Grand Lodge of Ontario, was reported in waiting and desired to visit the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master appointed J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 3, to retire and introduce the brother, and Bro. Tuffts was admitted and welcomed to the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master made the requisite appointments to fill the various standing Committees, which when complete consisted as follows:—

FINANCE.—G. T. Fox, No. 2; A. Graham, No. 1; T. Bryant, No. 31; J. Pottinger, No. 2; R. Rivers; No. 5; T. Taylor, No. 41.

APPEALS.—F. Cockburn, No. 23; E. C. Arthur, M. D., No. 16; W. H. Thorpe, No. 20; P. Hauck, No. 40; T. Sherman, No. 21; S. Churchill, No. 24.

LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.—P. W. Dempster, No. 2; E. Bragg, No. 4; R. May, No. 27; P. Ryan, No. 43; P. J. Moore, No. 25; R. B. Collishaw, No. 15.

PETITIONS.—T. A. Muir, No. 3; J. Palmer, No. 12; A. Rumble, No. 1; R. Livingstone, No. 33; J. Malcom, No. 22; R. Drake, No. 4.

STATE OF THE ORDER.—T. F. Neelands, No. 8; A. Parker, No. 10; C. A. Warren, No. 34; J. Bell, No. 4; C. L. McDonald, No. 35; T. Knight, No. 7; L. C. McDonald, No. 11.

LEGISLATION.—T. C. Gray, P. G. M., No. 42; H. Siddall, No. 33; J. York, No. 1; J. Crossan, P. G. M., No. 5; E. L. Webber, No. 27; W. Law, No. 10.

JUDICIARY.—J. Stark, No. 26; D. E. McKenzie, No. 3; J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 3; H. J. Raymer, P. G. M., No. 30; E. P. Dennis, No. 10; G. Waite, No. 30; T. Crowell, No. 18.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.—R. Smailes, No. 38; D. M. O'Dwyer, No. 10; C. C. Fisher, No. 27; W. S. Smith, No. 3; H. L. Calvert, No. 28; G. Middlemiss, No. 19.

PRINTING.—Grand Secretary; A. C. Atkin No. 17; M. Dunsmuir, No. 6; A. Mitchell, No. 8; T. E. Marshall, No. 9.

OBITUARY.—H. J. Rickard, No. 23; J. McMullin, No. 6; H. Siddall, No. 33; J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 4.

It was on motion Resolved, That the appointments of the Grand Master be confirmed.

The Grand Warden, by direction of the Grand Lodge, retired and conferred the Grand Lodge Degree on Bro. E. E. Leason, P. G., No. 1., in the Ante Room.

The Deputy Grand Master, at the request of the Grand Master, read the Report of the latter for the past year and the same was on motion ordered to be received and handed to a Committee to distribute to the various Committees.

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., June 13th, 1900.

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia,
I. O. O. F.:*

BRETHREN:—We are again assembled together as Brother Odd Fellows. For twenty-six (26) years we have met in succession, and to-day we meet on the ground sacred to the formation of the first Lodge in this vast Province of ours, the home of Odd Fellowship in British Columbia. What thronging memories must be recalled to the members here present, more especially the older brethren, as they take a retrospective view over the years to the time the first lodge, old "Victoria," No. 1 was instituted; after which followed "Columbia" No. 2, and so on, along the line to the instituting of "Enterprise" No. 43 at which I had the honor of officiating in September last.

In looking over the list of Brothers who have preceeded me in the Executive Chair, I find there are eighteen (18) still living, a remarkable record for twenty-six (26) years, and I am led to believe that all are still good Odd Fellows and in touch with the order. A majority of them I have met and enjoyed their fellowship and the association with these Brethren will be one of my most lasting memories.

And now let us come to our own personal affairs:—Our laws require that the Executive Officers shall make a report of the business transacted by them in their official capacity; and custom has provided that they should submit such recommendations as might be suggested by experience in executing the laws, contact with the brothers, and the opinions and ideas resulting therefrom which might prove beneficial as well as interesting to the body which has honored them by the exalted position of trust and responsibility.

The following report of my actions, as Executive Officer of this Grand Lodge is therefore submitted for your consideration with the earnest hope that its contents may meet with your approval, and that what has been done during the last year may redound to the advancement of our beloved order,

Perhaps no one, unless he has occupied a like responsible position, can realize the amount of work and the anxiety which a Grand Master is called upon to undergo: as well as the caution, prudence and discretion he must exercise in discharging his obligations; while I have endeavored to perform my duty and do justice to the position

as far as my ability and qualifications would allow, no one realizes more than I that I have come very far short of perfection and I have many times felt that I had not fulfilled the expectations of the Brothers who elected me to this honorable office, yet I have striven at all times to do what I believed to be right, and permit me to say that if at all times I have not done so it has not been through neglect on my part. I did not expect when elected to this important position to sit idly down and be content with the honor of the office—I was aware that the duties entailed a considerable amount of work, and my expectations have been more than realized. It seems to me there has been more than the usual amount of work for the Grand Master this year, as the increasing number of Lodges and Membership increases the work and responsibility of the Executive Officer. But whoever assumes this important position must expect at times to sacrifice personal comfort and to some extent, at least neglect personal affairs—still in this connection I have no regrets but the wish that I could have done more for the advancement of our beloved Order, and such of my time as I could spare I have freely given to the cause, and where and how my time has been spent the following will show:

STATE OF THE ORDER.

During my visitation over the whole of the jurisdiction I had ample means to observe the condition of the Order and I find every Lodge has prospered as well as could be expected considering their locality and surrounding circumstances. A good many of the lodges own their own halls, furniture, etc. Five (5) fine new halls have been built and dedicated during the year and (2) new Lodges instituted and in the interior several of the new towns are looking forward to the formation of Lodges and I anticipate that before the next meeting of our Grand Lodge several new Lodges will be added to our number. The financial standing as far as I was able to ascertain is very good, many even of the smaller Lodges having a good surplus on hand, but you will receive a statement of this and also the membership through the Grand Secretary in his report. I instituted a new Lodge at Trail on the 19th of September with a membership of thirty-six (36) and have since learned that their membership is now more than double that number. A new Lodge has also been instituted at Moyie but cannot at this time give the date in connection with it. A Lodge has been talked of at Fernie for some time and I have no doubt but one will be instituted there in the near future. Grand Forks is another point at which a Lodge of our Order will soon be located. I have been in communication with several brothers for some time in regard to this and have no doubt the brothers' wishes will soon be realized.

Other new towns are springing up throughout the whole of the Interior of our Province which will no doubt be asking for charters for Lodges and it is only a matter of time when the representatives from the Interior will be a strong factor in our annual deliberations.

THE REBEKAH BRANCH.

No new lodges have been instituted and while reports from one or two are not encouraging the balance I understand are in fairly good working order and the organization of several new ones is in contemplation in the Upper country.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

The following official visits were made by me and in the following order.

Rossland, No. 36, September 19th, 1899, Rossland.
 Silver City, No. 39, September 21st, 1899, Slocan City.
 Sandon, No. 40, September 22nd, 1899, Sandon.
 Kootenay, No. 10, September 25th, 1899, Nelson.
 Key City, No. 42, September 29th, 1899, Cranbrook.
 Carson, No. 37, October 2nd, 1899, Carson City.
 Boundary Valley, No. 38, October 3rd, 1899, Greenwood.
 Rocky Mountain, No. 31, October 11th, 1899, Golden.
 Selkirk, No. 12, October 13th, 1899, Revelstoke.
 Revelstoke, No. 25, October 13th, 1899, Revelstoke.
 Trout Lake, No. 41, October 16th, 1899, Trout Lake.
 Vernon Valley, No. 18, October 20th, 1899, Vernon.
 Tatnai, No. 9, October 23rd, 1899, Kamloops.
 Ashcroft, No. 23, October 25th, 1899, Ashcroft.
 Gold Range, No. 22, October 27th, 1899, North Bend.
 Cheam, No. 28, October 28th, 1899, Agassiz.
 Amity, No. 27, January 8th, 1900, New Westminster.
 Royal City, No. 3, January 12th, 1900, New Westminster.
 Western Star, No. 10, January 18th, 1900, Vancouver.
 Pacific No. 26, February 13th, 1900, Vancouver.
 Delta, No. 21, February, 19th, 1900, Ladner.
 Island, No. 24, February 28th, 1900, Eburne.
 Excelsior, No. 7, March, 27th, 1900, Chilliwack.
 Cloverdale, No. 15, April 4th, 1900, Cloverdale.
 Mount Pleasant, No. 19, April 10th, 1900, Mount Pleasant.
 Centennial, No. 20, April 16th, 1900, Nanaimo.
 Black Diamond, No. 5, April 16th, 1900, Nanaimo.
 Cedar, No. 35, April 16th, 1900, Nanaimo.
 Banner, No. 31, April 17th, 1900, Wellington.
 Harmony, No. 6, April 17th, 1900, Wellington.

Union, No. 11, April 10th, 1900, Cumberland.
 Duncan, No. 17, April 21st, 1900, Duncan.
 Victoria, No. 1, April 23rd, 1900, Victoria.
 Columbia, No. 2, April 23rd, 1900, Victoria.
 Dominion, No. 4, April 23rd, 1900, Victoria.
 Peerless, No. 33, April 23rd, 1900, Victoria.
 Vancouver, No. 8, May 4th, 1900, Vancouver.

REBEKAH VISITATIONS.

Colfax, No. 1, April 24th, 1900, Victoria.
 Mizpah, No. 2, May 2nd, 1900, Vancouver.
 Beulah, No. 5, May 22nd, 1900, New Westminster.

MILES TRAVELLED.

	MILES
New Westminster to Revelstoke.....	379
Revelstoke to Rossland	179
Rossland to Trail	17
Trail to Robson	23
Robson to Nelson.....	28
Nelson to Slocan City	45
Slocan City to Sandon.....	47
Nelson to Cranbrook.....	135
To St. Mary's Mission and return	10
Cranbrook to Nelson.....	135
Nelson to Grand Forks	130
Grand Forks to Carson and return.....	12
Grand Forks to Greenwood	30
Greenwood to Nelson	100
Nelson to Revelstoke.....	180
Revelstoke to Golden and return.....	102
Revelstoke to Trout Lake and return.....	132
Revelstoke to Siccamos.....	54
Siccamos to Vernon	54
Vernon to Siccamos	54
Siccamos to Kamloops	84
Kamloops to Ashcroft	47
Ashcroft to North Bend.....	75
North Bend to Agassiz.....	68
Agassiz to New Westminster	62
Vancouver and return 6 times.....	144
Ladner and return	32
Eburne and return.....	38
Chilliwack and return	104
Blaine and return	66
Cloverdale and return.....	26

Mount Pleasant and return	28
New Westminster to Nanaimo.....	48
Nanaimo to Wellington and return.....	12
Nanaimo to Union and return.....	147
Nanaimo to Victoria.....	75
Victoria to Vancouver.....	84
Vancouver to New Westminster.....	12

Total..... 3,238

EXPENSES.

The following expenses were incurred during my official visits for fares, hotel's, berths, meals, etc.,

Fare to Rossland.....	22 50
Berth and meals on the road.....	3 50
Fare to Trail.....	65
Fare to Nelson—Railroad, ferry, bus and meal.....	5 00
Fare to Slocan City.....	2 25
Fare from Slocan City to Sandon.....	1 00
Fare from Sandon to Nelson.....	3 85
Meals going and coming on the road.....	1 50
Bus.....	50
Fare to Granbrook and return to Nelson.....	15 10
Boat and meals on the road.....	3 50
Bus.....	50
Fare to Grand Forks.....	7 50
Horse and rig to Carson and return.....	6 00
Hotel at Grand Forks.....	3 00
Fare to Greenwood and return.....	6 00
Hotel at Greenwood.....	3 00
Hotel on return to Grand Forks.....	3 00
Fare from Grand Forks to Nelson.....	7 50
Meals on the road.....	1 50
Fare from Revelstoke to Nelson.....	2 50
Berths and Meals.....	2 50
Hotel expenses.....	2 50
Revelstoke to Golden, fare.....	4 80
Hotel.....	2 50
Meals at Glacier, going and coming.....	1 50
Golden to Revelstoke, fare.....	4 80
Revelstoke to Trout Lake and return, four meals, etc....	12 00
Revelstoke to Vernon, fare..	4 50
Hotel at Siccamous.....	2 50
Vernon to Kamloops, fare.....	6 55
Berth and meals.....	1 50

Hotel at Kamloops.....	4 50
Kamloops to Ashcroft, fare and meals.....	3 35
Ashcroft to North Bend, fare, meals and berth..	5 25
North Bend to Agassiz, fare and hotel.	5 25
Agassiz to New Westminster, fare and meals...	4 25
Westminster to Ladner and return	1 00
Westminster to Chilliwack and return, fare and meals..	5 00
Cloverdale and return.....	6 00
Westminster to Eburne and return and hotel.....	6 00
Westminster to Mt Pleasant and return, fare and hotel.	2 25
Westminster to Vancouver and return, 6 trips....	3 00
Hotel and meals, different times	4 50
New Westminster to Nanaimo.....	2 35
Meals	1 00
Nanaimo to Union and return.....	5 00
Meals on boat	1 50
Hotel at Union.....	3 50
Nanaimo to Duncan.....	1 50
Hotel at Duncan....	2 50
Duncan to Victoria.....	1 85
Victoria to Vancouver and Westminster.....	3 35
Meals.....	1 00
	—\$226 60
Total expense incurred.....	\$226 60
Total miles travelled.....	3238
Official visits	34
Total number of days engaged	64

In addition to this summary of my official visits I cannot refrain from saying that in all my visitations the utmost courtesy and fraternal greetings were extended to me and I received from the brothers in every locality the utmost assistance in performing my official duties and I wish to thank our Grand Chaplain, Bro. A. H. Clements, who accompanied me in most of my visits to the Interior Lodges and rendered able assistance. Also Bro. H. J. Rickard who was with me at several of my visits to the Island Lodges and whose assistance was very much appreciated by the Lodges visited.

DISPENSATIONS AND PERMISSIONS.

1. Granted Dispensation to Island Lodge, No. 24, to hold an ice cream social under the auspices of the Order, June 28th, 1899.
2. To Colfax Rebekah Lodge to hold a public installation, July 1st, 1899.
3. To Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, to appear in regalia at the laying of the Corner Stone of their Hall, July 27th, 1899.

4. To Harmony Lodge, No. 6, to appear in regalia at the Odd Fellow's Union in Victoria, August 10th, 1899.

5. To Centennial Lodge, No. 20, for the same purpose.

6. To Columbia Lodge, No. 2, for the same purpose.

7. As a number of Lodges which I thought quite possible would be present on the above mentioned occasion and had overlooked the matter of asking for a dispensation I issued a general permission to all Lodges who might be present and forwarded it to Bro. Davey, Grand Secretary, to be used if required.

8. Granted permission to Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, to change their meeting temporarily from Friday to Saturday night until another Hall could be procured and they could return to their regular night.

9. To Revelstoke Lodge, No. 25, to appear in regalia at the dedication of their Hall, September 4th, 1899, also at a ball the same evening.

10. To Selkirk Lodge, No. 12, for the same purpose.

11. Granted a dispensation to Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, to hold a lecture under the auspices of the Order on or about the 18th of November, 1899.

12. To Rossland Lodge, No. 36, to hold a ball on or about the 17th of November, 1899.

13. Granted a dispensation to Deborah Rebekah Lodge No. 13 to appear in regalia at same time as named above.

14. To Selkirk Lodge, No. 12, to hold a concert under the auspices of the Order on or about November 17th, 1899.

15. To Revelstoke Lodge, No. 25, for the same purpose.

16. To Delta Lodge, No. 21, to hold a ball under the auspices of the Order on or about the 27th day of December, 1899.

17. To Deborah Rebekah Lodge, No. 13, to hold a ball under the auspices of the Order on or about the 19th of December, 1899.

18. To Mizpah Rebekah Lodge, No. 2, to hold their annual ball on or about January 1st, 1900.

19. To Rossland Lodge, No. 36, to hold a public installation on or about January 8th, 1900.

20. To Deborah Rebekah Lodge No. 13 for the same purpose and at the same time.

21. To Delta Lodge, No. 21, to elect a third degree member as Noble Grand under the usual conditions.

22. To Duncan Lodge, No. 17, to hold an anniversary dance under the auspices of the Order on the 19th of January, 1900.

23. To Key City Lodge, No. 42, to hold a ball under the auspices of the Order on or about the 1st of January, 1900.

24. To Enterprise Lodge, No. 43, to hold a ball on or about the 12th day of February, 1900.

25. To Deborah Rebekah Lodge, No. 13, to hold a dance on or about the 16th of March, 1900.

26. To Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, to return to their regular night of meeting they having again secured permanent quarters.

27. To Mizpah Rebekah Lodge, No. 2, to hold a ball on the 20th of April, 1900.

28. To Columbia Lodge, No. 2, to appear in regalia in public procession, May 24th, 1900.

29. To Kootenay Lodge, No. 16, to hold an excursion under the auspices of the Order, May 24th, 1900.

30. To Peerless Lodge, No. 33, to appear in regalia in public procession, May 24th, 1900.

31. To Dominion Lodge, No. 4, for the same purpose.

32. To Rossland Lodge, No. 36, to hold a benefit ball for the relief of a brother who had met with a serious accident.

33. To Colfax Rebekah Lodge, No. 1, to hold a Masquerade Ball.

QUESTIONS AND DECISIONS.

1. A Brother was in arrears up to the 19th of August, 1899—on the 13th he paid to the Secretary an amount sufficient to place him in standing which was entered on the books on the date it was paid—on the 19th the Secretary was not present and no keys to the desk consequently the payment was not reported to the Lodge until the next meeting on the 26th. In the meantime the brother met with an accident on the 24th. *Ques.*—Is the brother entitled to benefits?

Ans.—Yes, if duly entered on the books though not reported on the 19th.

2. *Ques.*—Can our Lodge legally vote \$10.00 to a Women's Hospital for the purpose of purchasing an operating table?

Ans.—Yes, if you have a contingent fund on which to draw.

3. *Ques.*—A suspended member of our Lodge has died, can we attend the funeral as a Lodge and perform the usual ceremony.

Ans.—You can attend the funeral simply as Odd Fellows but are not liable for any funeral benefits or funeral expenses and would not advise the performance of the ceremony.

4. *Ques.*—Is it necessary to have our By-Laws registered?

Ans.—Yes, if you are incorporated under the Benevolent Societies Act, also all future amendments.

5. *Ques.*—Is it necessary for a P. G. to belong to an encampment and a Rebekah Lodge in order to be a representative to our Grand Lodge?

Ans.—No, that law only refers to representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

6. A Brother was taken very sick and required a nurse. The friends of the brother hired a nurse without reporting the matter to the Lodge. The Brother at the time owed nine (9) months dues—he claims the Lodge should pay the nurse bill. *Ques.*—Can the Lodge pay for nursing a brother who is in arrears and not entitled to benefits?

Ans.—No, the Lodge should have been notified and the nurse hired by the Lodge or the friends instructed by the Lodge to procure one.

7. *Ques.*—A Brother having an official receipt paid to date is it necessary for him to have in addition to this an order for the pass word in order to visit another Lodge?

Ans.—No.

8. Is the Junior Past Grand eligible to be elected a representative to Grand Lodge?

Ans.—Yes.

9. *Ques.*—Is it permissible to reduce the price of Initiation and Degrees for Clergymen?

Ans.—No.

10. *Ques.*—Where is the proper position for the Treasurer of a Lodge while in session?

Ans.—At a desk on the left of the Noble Grand.

COMPLAINTS.

I received several complaints from brothers who appealed to me against the actions of their Lodges, most of which I consider it unnecessary to enlarge upon in this report as they were all I think

satisfactorily settled but all correspondence in connection with them are on file and can be seen if required.

APPEALS.

I received an appeal from Bro. John Flett of Western Star Lodge, No. 10, against the action of his Lodge in refusing certain benefits and after getting all the information possible in connection with the case I decided that the Lodge was liable and think the decision was satisfactory to both parties as I have heard of no appeal from my decision. The papers in connection with this case are also on file.

I also received an appeal through a Solicitor acting on behalf of the friends of a Bro. Johnston deceased, against the action of Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18, in refusing to pay certain benefits claimed. After getting all the facts possible in connection with the case I decided the Lodge was liable. From this decision the Lodge has appealed and the matter will come before you for consideration through the Committee on Appeals.

I received a request from Bro. J. B. King, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ontario for permission to appeal to this jurisdiction on behalf of the Brothers who suffered in the Ottawa-Hull fire which request I did not think it expedient to grant for reasons set forth on page No. 46 of No. 2 letter book.

INSTALLATIONS.

September 19th, 1899, installed the officers of Enterprise Lodge, No. 43.

September 29th, 1899, installed the Noble Grand and Vice Grand of Key City Lodge, No. 42.

January 8th, 1900, installed the officers of Amity Lodge, No. 27.

January 12th, 1900, installed the officers of Royal City Lodge, No. 3.

January 18th, 1900, installed the officers of Western Star Lodge, No. 10.

PROCLAMATIONS.

I received from the Grand Sire the usual proclamations requesting us to duly observe the Anniversary of our Order and Memorial Day, and in compliance therewith the following proclamations were duly issued to all the Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge.

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I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., 22nd March, 1900.

ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION. 1810-1900.

To the Officers and Members of the Subordinate Lodges, Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS. In accordance with time honored custom and in obedience to the Proclamation of the Grand Sire, I Daniel Welsh, Grand Master, by virtue of the authority in me vested, do hereby enjoin upon you to take appropriate action for the due commemoration of the 20th day of April, 1900, it being the Eighty-First Anniversary of our Order, by suitable exercises in the observance of the day and by thanksgiving to Almighty God for his manifold mercies to us as individuals and as an Order.

And inasmuch as some Lodges may wish to appear in public in Regalia on this occasion, a Dispensation is hereby granted them for so doing.

Yours fraternally,

D. WELSH,
GRAND MASTER.

Attest:

FRED. DAVEY,
GRAND SECRETARY.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.,
30th April, 1900.

To all Lodges subordinate to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

GREETING.—In accordance with the Proclamation of the Grand Sire, I, Daniel Welsh, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., do hereby request all Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, who have suffered loss of membership by death, to assemble on the Second Tuesday of June next, being the 12th day of June, 1900, (or such other day as may be more convenient) and engage in proper and suitable exercises in memory of their deceased members. And inasmuch as some Lodges may be desirous of appear-

ing in public in Regalia on this occasion, a Dispensation is hereby granted them for that purpose.

Attest:

FRED. DAVEY,

GRAND SECRETARY.

D. WELSH,

GRAND MASTER.

N.B.—The ceremony for Memorial Day and ceremony for Decorating the graves of deceased members (the two in one book) can be obtained from the Grand Secretary. Price, 25 cents per copy.

MISCELLANEOUS.

I wish to record a very pleasing visit, which, though not official, was fraternal and international. By invitation of Blaine Lodge, No. 80, Wash. and Bro. G. Elspeman, Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Washington, I, in company with fifty (50) of the New Westminster brothers paid a fraternal visit to the above named Lodge in February last where we were right royally entertained by the Blaine brothers. After the conferring of the initiatory degree by a team of New Westminster brothers a most enjoyable time was had in the Banquet Room, in the exchange of international courtesies, the rendering of patriotic songs and speeches. This by the way was a return visit—the Blaine brothers having previously paid a fraternal visit to the Westminster Lodges.

In accordance with a resolution passed at the last session of this Grand Lodge I applied to Messrs. Howay & Reid, Barristers for an opinion as to the necessity of having all amendments to our by-laws registered. The opinion given was to the effect that it was necessary for all Lodges to do so who were incorporated under the Benevolent Societies Act. Of this fact the Lodges were notified by our Grand Secretary.

In accordance with another resolution of the same session I applied to the Grand Sire for an opinion as to the legality of changing the name of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, to Royal City Lodge, No. 3, and the opinion being favorable the change was carried out.

About December 1st I received a circular letter from the Grand Sire relating to the History of Odd Fellowship—a history printed by the Fraternity Publishing Company. This history was adopted as official by the S. G. L. in 1897. The copyright of this history it appears has been infringed upon and the circular sets forth the action of a Committee of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in regard to this matter. Copies of this circular were mailed by me to all the Subordinate Lodges and a copy I have also on file.

I received from Bro. Davey, Grand Secretary, the following Resolution relating to the New Westminster Fire Relief Committee which was laid before the Committee at its closing session and which I feel should be incorporated in my report as a record of the appreciation of this Grand Lodge of the efforts and work of the Relief Committee.

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY.

VICTORIA, B. C., 27th June, 1880.

*To the Officers and Members of the General Relief Committee, I. O. O. F.,
New Westminster, B. C.*

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS.—It affords me much pleasure to transmit the following copy of a Resolution unanimously passed at the late Annual Session of the Grand Lodge at Vancouver on the 16th inst.

Resolved.—"That the thanks of this Grand Body are due and are hereby rendered to the General Relief Committee of New Westminster for the able manner in which it conducted the business of distributing the funds placed at its disposal for the relief of the sufferers by the late fire in that city."

I am Dear Sirs and Brothers,

Yours fraternally,

FRED. DAVEY,

GRAND SECRETARY.

And in this connection permit me to add my testimony as the 16th Grand Master since Brother Davey has wielded the pen for this Grand Lodge—to his ability, his untiring zeal and universal courtsey in connection with all the duties of his office and personally I wish to say that I am greatly indebted to Bro. Davey for his assistance during my term of office and which his natural ability and long experience has amply qualified him to render and which assistance has in all cases been so willingly and cheerfully given.

Appended to my report will be found the reports of such of my District Deputies as complied with our custom and usage in this respect and in this connection while not exactly making a recommendation I would suggest that a blank form be issued to District Deputies a short time before the meeting of the Grand Lodge on which they could make their report and as a reminder that they were expected to perform this the final duty of their office.

And now brothers in closing my report I will not cumber our Journals or weary your patience by any lengthy remarks but I must most sincerely thank this Grand Lodge for the honor conferred and

the confidence reposed in me in electing me to this honorable and exalted position. I also wish to thank the Brethren throughout the whole jurisdiction for the countsey, brotherly kindness and respect with which I have been favoured through the whole year. I wish to say in conclusion that I shall vacate this chair with the most kindly and fraternal feeling towards every one with whom I have come in contact during my term of office and to express the most earnest wish that the Great Author of our existence (who is so frequently acknowledged by us in our work) may bless and prosper our beloved Order.

Sincerely and Fraternally Yours,

DANIEL WELSH,
GRAND MASTER.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., June 11th, 1900.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

Since closing my report a few days ago I have received several letters of more or less importance which in my opinion required my official attention. Three of these letters refer to the formation of new lodges— one from Barkerville, Cariboo; one from Van Anda, Texada Island and one from Grand Forks which is a continuation of correspondence already noted in my report. These letters are on file and I would recommend they be referred to the proper authorities to take such action as they may deem necessary.

I have also received requests for Dispensations from the following:—

From Enterprise Lodge, No. 43, Trail, B. C., to hold a picnic on or about July 2nd, 1900, which I granted. Also from Miriam Rebekah Lodge, No. 3, Nanaimo, to appear in public in paraphernalia which I could not grant as it was contrary to the laws of the Order. Also from the same Lodge to hold a Public Installation which request I granted.

I also received the following reply from Bro. J. B. King, G. S., Grand Lodge of Ontario to my letter declining permission to solicit aid in this jurisdiction for sufferers of the Ottawa-Hull Fire.

TORONTO, June 1st, 1900.

D. Welsh, Esq., Grand Master of British Columbia, New Westminster, B. C.

DEAR BROTHER WELSH.—Your letter of May 10th received, and I assure you I would have been surprised, had I really thought over all the circumstances, had you decided differently than you have.

You certainly have had a great deal to contend with in British Columbia, and the wonder to me is that you have succeeded in relieving all the distress without an appeal similar to the one I wrote you about. That you have done so wonderfully is to the credit of the Order in B. C. We accept your sympathy and your letter will be laid before the Grand Master at once and also before the Relief Committee at Ottawa. I know they will appreciate it very much indeed.

I remain, Fraternally yours,

J. B. KING,

G. S.

I also received a letter from Bro. R. Meek, Secretary of the Odd Fellow Relief Association of Canada asking permission to do business in this Province. The subject matter of this letter will no doubt appear in the Grand Secretary's Report.

In concluding this my Supplementary Report I regret that so many of my District Deputies have failed to send in their reports and would again call attention to this matter as mentioned in the body of my report.

Fraternally yours,

D. WELSH,

GRAND MASTER.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

VICTORIA, B. C., June 6, 1900.

To D. Welsh, Esq. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., B. C.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I take the pleasure of submitting the following report of my official acts as your District Deputy District No. 1 during the past year.

Assisted by the Grand Marshal, Bro. Graham and other officers of the Grand Lodge, I installed the officers of the different Lodges on the following dates.

1899—July 3rd, Victoria Lodge, No. 1.

July 5th, Columbia Lodge, No. 2.

July 6th, Dominion Lodge, No. 4.

July 7th, Peerless Lodge, No. 33.

1900—January 3rd, Columbia Lodge, No. 2.

January 8th, Victoria Lodge, No. 1.

January 11th, Dominion Lodge, No. 4.

January 12th, Peerless Lodge, No. 33.

The following communications from the several lodges were dealt with by me during the term.

Columbia Lodge, No. 2, submitted the following question for my decision.

Notice of motion was given on July 5th that four weeks from date certain amendments to the By-Laws would be moved.

On the 6th of August the question was moved but exception was taken to the order of business. *Ques.* Under what head should this question be considered; new business or unfinished business. To which I replied as follows:

To the Officers and Members of Columbia Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS:—In reply to yours of the 2nd, asking under what head of business a motion of which, notice has been previously given to amend the by-laws should be introduced. I beg to refer you to Section 1403 White's Digest 1895 Edition, from which it appears that the order of business of a lodge is not a part of the work of the Order, that no form need be rigidly adhered to but Lodges may regulate it to suit their convenience.

As the functions of a District Deputy are to decide questions of law and this does not appear to be governed by any law, but is left entirely to the discretion of each individual Lodge, you will see I am unable to give a ruling on it. I would hazard the opinion however that as the question had been already introduced to the notice of the Lodge by the notice of motion and was doubtless noted in the minutes that the proper head under which the question should again come up on the date fixed would be that of unfinished business.

Yours Fraternally,

ED. BRADG,

D. D. G. M.

Dominion Lodge, No. 4, submitted the following question. Is a member considered out of good standing who does not receive his information to that effect although mailed in due course; provided it is found out afterwards that the mail service has proved to be defective?

To this I replied as follows:

To the Officers and Members of Dominion Lodge, No. 4.

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS:—In reply to your communication of the 5th inst., I beg to point out that it is every members privilege to possess a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of his Lodge, which points out very clearly the matter of Dues and Benefits and that a member must keep himself in good standing to be entitled to the benefits of the Lodge. I therefore answer the question in the

affirmative. I beg to refer you to Article I, of Constitution; Section I and Clause I, Article 7.

ED. BRAGG,

D. D. G. M.

On December 8th I granted a Dispensation to Freedom Lodge, No. 33, to give the 1st Degree to a Brother in less time than allowed by law.

I am pleased to state that the members of the several Lodges in this District have shown an increased interest in the work of our Order during the year and quite a large number of new members have been enrolled by the several Lodges. The members are looking forward with a great deal of interest to the coming meeting of the Grand Lodge in our City. Trusting that the session will be both pleasant and profitable and extending a hearty welcome to you and all visiting brethren.

I remain, Yours in F. L. T.

EDWARD BRAGG,

D. D. G. M., District No. 1

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., June 1st, 1900.

D. Welsh, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have much pleasure in presenting to you my report as D. D. G. M. for District, No. 2, for the past year.

INSTALLATIONS.

Monday evening, July 3rd, installed the officers of Amity Lodge No. 27, I. O. O. F.

Friday evening, July 7th, installed the officers of Royal City Lodge, No. 11.

Yourself being resident in New Westminster, conferred upon the Lodges here the honor of installing the respective officers of Royal City Lodge, No. 11, and Amity, No. 27, in January of this year.

Monday, April 23rd, 1900, installed the Treasurer in Amity Lodge, No. 27.

I have been called to decide upon one question, namely:

"Can the sum of one Hundred dollars be transferred from the Contingent fund of the Lodge to that of the Nurse fund without giving notice one week previously?"

And answered as follows:

In reply I would state that in my opinion it can as the Contingent fund of the Lodge is at the disposal of the majority of the members of the Lodge present at any regular meeting; provided always that there is no diversion or other disposition of the fund, except for the legitimate objects and purposes of the Order and I should consider the paying of a nurse a legitimate object of our Order. I can find nothing in the Constitution or your By-Laws to the contrary.

It is with very deep regret I report the death of Brother Jno. Campbell, P. G., one of our most enthusiastic Odd Fellows and a member of Royal City Lodge, No. 3.

The Order in our City is progressing very favorably with every indication of a continuance of the same prosperity.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. L. T.

D. E. MACKENZIE,

D. D. G. M. District No. 2.

CEDAR DISTRICT, B. C., May 28th, 1900.

Mr. Daniel Welsh:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I herewith beg leave to tender my report as your D. D. G. M. for District No. 3, for the last year. I installed the officers of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, on July 12th, 1899; Cedar Lodge, No. 35, on July 15th, 1899; and Centennial Lodge, No. 20, on July 17th, 1899, and on September 9th, 1899, I installed Bro. Ben Woobank as Noble Grand of Cedar Lodge, No. 35, in place of J. R. McKinnell, resigned; I also installed the officers of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, on January 10th, 1900; Centennial Lodge, No. 20, on January 15th, 1900, and Cedar Lodge, No. 35, on January 20th, 1900, and on February 10th, 1900, I installed Bro. David McDonald as Vice Grand of Cedar Lodge, No. 35, in place of Bro. William Fielding, resigned, and on March 17th, I installed Bro. Joseph Fielding as Noble Grand of same Lodge in place of Bro. Ben Woobank, resigned, and on February 19th, 1900, I installed Bro. Fred. S. White-side as Secretary of Centennial Lodge, No. 20, in place of Bro. G. McKinnell, resigned.

I remain, Yours Fraternally,

HIRAM N. McDONALD,

D. D. G. M., District No. 3.

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CHILLIWACK, B. C., May 20th, 1900.

D. Welsh, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F. of B. C.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I have much pleasure in submitting the Report of my official acts as your Deputy for District, No. 5, during the past year.

I installed the officers of Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, at the commencement of each term with the assistance of several Past Grands at a special meeting for that purpose.

On May 9th I granted a Dispensation to confer the 2nd and 3rd degrees on a Brother as he was leaving the town.

I have not been called on to decide any questions and I am pleased to state that harmony has existed in our Lodge during my term of office.

I take pleasure in recording the addition of several new members.

We have erected a hall at a cost of \$2,500.00 under my direct superintendence which is a credit to Odd Fellowship in our town. At its dedication we were pleased to have your official visit which was very much appreciated by the members who had the pleasure of meeting you.

In conclusion I would thank you for the honor conferred upon me by appointing me as your Deputy for District, No. 5, and trust that you may approve of my official actions.

I am, fraternally yours,

J. H. ASHWELL,

D. D. G. M., District No. 5.

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 4th, 1900.

D. Welsh, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F., B. C.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I have much pleasure in submitting to you my report as D. D. G. M. for District No. 6 for the past year. The Order in Vancouver is progressing very favorably and the indications are that it will continue to do so. The three Lodges, viz. No. 8, 10 and 26 all meet in the one hall now. They have leased it jointly and rent to the Encampment and Rebekahs. No. 19 still remains on the Hill and are doing very well. I installed the officers of Lodges No. 8, 10, 26 and 19 in July, 1899, and Lodges 8, 10, 26 and 19 in January, 1900. You kindly officiated at the installation of No.

10 yourself. I granted a Dispensation to Western Star Lodge, No. 10, to wear regalia at an "At Home" on November 30th, 1890. The only question I have been called on to answer was from Bro. John Flett of Western Star Lodge, No. 10; he wished to know if a Brother reported well and taken sick again within six months, if the period between the dates he was reported well and sick was counted as if he had been receiving benefits. I answered No, and referred him to Article IV. last paragraph of Section 2 of Subordinate Constitution, I understand the whole case has been submitted to you and settled on your decision. In conclusion I would thank you for the honor conferred upon me by appointing me as your Deputy for District No. 6, hoping you may approve of my actions. Permit me to tender thanks to all those Brothers who so kindly assisted me in my duties, especially Deputy Grand Master Johnstone and P. G. Bro. Gardiner who ably performed the duties of Grand Marshal.

I remain, Yours in F. L. T.

D. M. O'DWYER,

D. D. G. M., District No. 6.

UNION, B. C., May 28th, 1900.

D. Welsh, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I have the honor to submit the following report of my official acts as your Deputy for District No. 8.

July 7th, 1899, with the assistance of a number of Past Grands I installed the officers of Union Lodge, No. 11.

And on January 5th, 1900, I fulfilled a similar duty for the above named Lodge.

I am pleased to state that I have only been called upon to render a few unimportant decisions during my term of office, which is in itself evidence of the harmonious manner in which the affairs of this Lodge are managed. I am sorry to report that during my term of office Union No. 11 has not had any increase in membership, but seems to be at a standstill. Although the attendance as a rule is small owing to a great number of our members being scattered, I must give those who do attend great credit for sticking to their Lodge and doing their best for the good of the Order, for there are quite a few Brothers of our Lodge here who never attend. If possible I would like to see in the near future some kind of Legislation brought in that would suspend a Brother from benefits for a certain time who did not visit his Lodge at least once per month.

I also take much pleasure in recording your official visit to this Lodge which was (it is needless to say) a source of very great pleasure to all the Brothers present on that occasion.

Fraternally submitted in F. L. & T.

F. A. ANLEY,
D. D. G. M., District No. 8.

DUNCANS, B. C., June 11th, 1900.

D. Welsh, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I beg to submit the following report for my term as your Deputy for District No. 12.

On July 8th, 1899, Bro. P. W. Dempster, S. G. L. Representative and other Brothers from Victoria installed the officers of this Lodge.

On January 13th, 1900, I installed the officers of this Lodge.

All important questions have been decided by a two-thirds vote of the Lodge.

I am glad to be able to report that this Lodge is prospering and that the Brothers are taking great interest in the work and working harmoniously.

Believe me yours sincerely in F. L. & T.

A. C. AITKEN,
D. D. G. M., District, No. 12.

LADNER, B. C., June 11th, 1900.

To D. Welsh, Grand Master, I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I beg to report my official acts as your D. D. G. M. for District No. 14.

At the commencement of each term since my appointment, assisted by Past Grands of my own Lodge I installed into their respective chairs the officers of Delta Lodge, No. 21.

One question was asked which I submitted to you for your decision.

Yours fraternally,

R. SHIRLEY,
D. D. G. M., District No. 14.

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EBURNE, B. C., June 11th, 1900.

D. Welsh, Grand Master, I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I beg to report that I installed the officers of Island Lodge, No. 24, for the last term, and granted one Dispensation to elect a Scarlet Degree member to fill the Vice-Grand's chair, who had not previously held an appointive office. I am pleased to report the Lodge in a very prosperous condition. We have taken in twelve members since this time last year.

Yours in F. L. T.

H. TROTTER,

District Deputy, District No. 17.

AGASSIZ, B. C., May, 29th, 1900.

Daniel Welsh, Esq., Grand Master, G. L. of B. C., I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I have much pleasure to submit to you my report as D. D. G. M. for District No. 18 for the past year.

On July 1st, 1899, and on January 13th, 1900, I installed the officers of Cheam Lodge, No. 28.

I am pleased to state that Cheam Lodge, No. 28, is getting along in first-class order; there is always a regular attendance of members which goes a long way to instil vigour in a Lodge of Odd Fellows.

I am Dear Sir Yours in F. L. T.

PATRICK WARD,

D. D. G. M., District No. 18.

ROSSLAND, B. C., May 13th, 1900.

To D. Welsh, Esq., Grand Master, Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., New Westminster, B. C.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—In compliance with the Constitution I beg to submit a brief report of the condition of the Lodges under my charge as your Deputy.

I may say that peace and harmony prevails in a marked degree.

The growth of both Trail and Rossland Lodges has been of a healthy nature and must be a surprise to the members of Grand Lodge, especially that of Trail, when we take into consideration the

condition of the district during the labor troubles which agitated the whole Kootenay Country for a period of several months and which I am glad to say has been amicably adjusted, thereby ensuring greater prosperity in the future.

Trail Lodge should prosper as it is composed of the right kind of material, all jolly fellows as you are well aware, having been amongst them yourself.

As for Rossland Lodge, being myself a member of it I must not say too much, in fact I couldn't. Since a year ago this Lodge has built a fine Hall on their own property consisting of two lots, the property is fully paid for and but a small liability remains on the Hall, which will soon be wiped out and the Lodge will then be entirely free from debt and at Home.

The attendance every week is a surprise to me and a pleasure to witness, because as you know there is no better sign of healthy growth than well attended meetings, as it indicates the peace and harmony existing, thereby making it a pleasure to be enjoyed, at least once a week.

The fact of sending two Representatives to Grand Lodge is a good indication in itself.

This Lodge turned out in a body and marched to the Baptist Church accompanied by the members of the Rebekah Lodge on the evening of the 29th ult. and listened to a sermon on the lessons of the Order by the Rev. Bro. Stackhouse. I may say this was the largest Society turnout that has been seen in this city, thus testifying to the popularity of the best fraternal organization in existence.

In a few cases I have been called on by both Lodges to interpret the law and as my decisions have been made according to well established practice and have all been received with due respect I will not enumerate them in detail and encumber the Journal with an unnecessarily long report.

I will draw this short report to a close in the hope of meeting you in health and vigor at our next Grand Lodge Session and by thanking you for the honor of representing you in this district and bespeak for my successor the same kind and courteous treatment as it has been my pleasure to receive during the year now drawing to a close.

Believe me, Yours Fraternaly,

H. J. RAYMER,

D. D. G. M., District No. 20.

1894

15 CATHERINE STREET,

VICTORIA WEST, June 11th, 1900.

D. Welsh, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—As your District Deputy for District No. 1, I. O. O. F., I have to report that I installed the Officers of Colfax Rebekah Lodge, No. 1, on the evening of July 11th, 1899, in regular form assisted by the Grand Lodge Officers; January 9th, 1900, assisted by Past Grands I installed the officers of said Lodge.

On December 2 I granted a Dispensation for a Social Dance on December, 23th, 1899.

On January 11th had a communication from Colfax Rebekah Lodge asking if the wife of an Odd Fellow could become a member of said Lodge after her husband had been suspended for non-payment of dues—answered, No.

I am pleased to report our Lodge in prosperous condition.

Thanking you for the appointment as your Deputy

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, Yours Fraternally,

E. I. SOMMERVILLE,

D. D. G. M., District No. 1.

NANAIMO, B. C., May 14th, 1900.

D. Welsh, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I have to report I installed the Officers of Miriam Rebekah Lodge, No. 3, on the evening of the 16th day of January, 1900.

I have nothing more of importance to call to your attention.

Thanking you for the appointment as your Deputy,

Yours Fraternally,

ANN MARSHALL,

D. D. G. M. District No. 3.

1895

NEW WESTMINSTER, June 8th. 1900.

D. Welsh, Esq., Grand Master, I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I have the honor to submit for your approval the following report of my official acts as your Deputy for District No. 4, comprising Lodge No. 5.

On July 25th, 1899, with the assistance of P. G. Sister Ferguson. P. G. Sister Welsh and others I installed the officers of Beulah Rebekah Lodge, No. 5.

January 9th, 1900, I installed the officers of the same Lodge with the assistance of P. G. Sisters Insley, Cunningham, Ferguson and Gilley.

I am pleased to state that Beulah Lodge is steadily going on notwithstanding the hard times we have had owing to the great fire in which we lost every thing we have had a few Initiations and some Reinstatements and we are in hopes of having a better showing next year.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother, Yours Fraternally,

IDA MAY PEARCE,

D. D. G. M. District No. 4.

The Grand Secretary read his report which was referred to the Committee on Distribution.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

VICTORIA, B. C., 13th June, 1900.

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.

It again becomes my duty and high privilege to submit a report of the transactions of this office and of the work of the Order in this Jurisdiction for the past year, which affords grounds for satisfaction and encouragement.

During the year Two new Subordinate Lodges have been instituted, "Enterprise," Lodge, No. 43, at Trail on the 19th September last, and "Willey" Lodge at Moyie on 18th May, 1900, the latter lodge asks that No. 13 which is vacant, be assigned to it, and this request is submitted for your consideration. Both these Lodges give promise of success which I trust will be fully realized. "Enterprise" Lodge reported 64 members on 31st December last and will be represented at this meeting.

Enquiries have been received on the subject of instituting Lodges at Fernie, Grand Forks, Armstrong and Barkerville and I have no doubt but that Lodges will be organized at these places in the near future. The necessity of a careful survey of all the conditions so as to secure permanency is invariably impressed on the applicants in replying to their enquiries.

The membership of the Subordinate Lodges on 31st December last was 3000 an increase of 215 for the year.

In compliance with a Resolution of last Session the question of the legality of permitting New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, to change its name to Royal City Lodge, No. 3, was submitted to the Grand Sire and as Bro. Pinkerton decided that it was within the powers of this Grand Lodge to permit this change, a Charter with the altered name was issued accordingly.

Legal opinion was also obtained as per instructions of last Session as to the necessity of the registration of amendments to the By-Laws of Lodges whose By-Laws are registered under the Provincial Statute. The opinion received was in the affirmative and it was communicated to all the Lodges.

A very regrettable incident occurred immediately after the adjournment of our last Session. The "Province" newspaper of Vancouver published an item containing untruthful statements connecting our representatives with a disreputable street fight in that city. The matter was promptly and energetically taken up by our Vancouver brethren but as a correction which they secured in the same paper was not considered satisfactory it was deemed advisable, in justice to the representatives attending the last Session, to lay a true statement of the facts of the case before the membership of this Jurisdiction, which was done in a circular letter addressed to all the Lodges.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge at its last Session decided to provide a Jewel for D. D. G. Ms. to be worn by them whilst holding that office in order to designate their rank. The price of this Jewel has been fixed at \$4.50 each, a copy of the Circular issued by the Grand Secretary, with a photograph of the Jewel, is attached for your directions.

A communication from the Grand Encampment of Wisconsin is submitted herewith asking our co-operation in their endeavor to secure Bi-Annual Sessions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and likewise a reduction of the number of representatives to that Grand Body.

I also beg to submit a communication from Bro. J. R. Harwell, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Tennessee, enclosing a copy of a

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leaflet written by him entitled "Odd Fellowship, What Is It?" Bro. Harwell states that the free distribution of this leaflet has materially assisted in increasing the membership in that Jurisdiction, 1251 in the year 1890 and 1331 in the year 1893. This leaflet is copyrighted, but the brother generously gives us permission to print and use it, with any alterations we may deem proper, providing it is distributed gratuitously. If the circulation of this leaflet produced such good results in Tennessee it is worth considering whether it would be equally effective in British Columbia.

It is with great regret that I have to report the death of Bro. John Weiler, P. G. M., which occurred in this city on 6th September, 1899. Bro. Weiler was the second Grand Master of this Grand Lodge filling the chair in 1875, and was also a Charter member of Victoria Lodge, No. 1. From close personal intimacy with him for many years I can bear testimony to his inflexible integrity, his genial and generous disposition and his sturdy, sterling character. He was a honest man, an exemplary and highly respected citizen and a true Odd Fellow. I recommend that a Memorial Page be inserted in the printed proceeding of this Session to his memory.

FINANCIAL.

It is gratifying to be able to announce that the Estimates of Revenue for Per Capita Tax has been exceeded by \$112.25 and that this has been supplemented by Charter Fees, \$60 and Interest on deposit of moneys in the Grand Treasurer's hands in Bank of British Columbia, \$41.73. Through the business forethought of Bro. Stark a special arrangement was made for this money to be deposited in the Savings Bank Branch of the Bank so as to carry interest and to be withdrawn by Cheque. The balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer is \$200.38 more than was anticipated.

ODD FELLOWS HOME FUND.

This fund is slowly accumulating, the grant of 10 cents per member realized \$298.55, Bank Interest \$9.98 and a contribution of \$1.85 was received from the Vancouver Lodges, making the total income \$310.38 and the present balance to the credit of this fund \$800.80.

AGED ODD FELLOWS FUND.

No claimant has yet been registered on this fund, it has meanwhile been steadily increasing, the receipts for the year include \$149.27, being 5 cents per capita. Sale of old Regalia formerly belonging to Mission City Lodge to Enterprise Lodge, No. 43, \$35.00, received from members of defunct Lodges for Grand Lodge Cards \$20.25 and Interest 64c. Total \$205.16 making the total value of this Fund, \$339.04.

STATISTICAL.

The following statement shows the result of last year's work in the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges. Abstracts of the Semi-Annual and Annual Reports of these Lodges are also attached.

		Increase.	Decrease.
No. of Lodges, 31st December, 1899	38	2	..
" " instituted since....	1	..	..
" of Members Subordinate Lodges	3960	215	..
" " initiated during the year..	348	122	..
" " admitted by Card..	112	..	17
" " admitted as A. O..	5	2	..
" " reinstated	23	6	..
" " withdrawn.....	27	9	..
" " expelled.....	2	1	..
" " deceased.....	31	5	..
" " ceased membership by non-payment of dues	144	..	41
" rejected.....	10	7	..
" Degrees conferred	1000	318	..
" Past Grands	532	33	..
Revenue of Subordinate Lodges			
" From Dues.....	\$33,466.40	....	....
" Initiations & Degrees	\$8,480.00	....	....
" Rents & Invest'd F'ds	\$9,485.06	....	....
" From other sources..	\$3,415.42	....	....
Total Revenue.....	\$54,846.88	\$1,637.90	....
No. of Brothers relieved	345	..	9
" " Weeks Sick Benefits Paid..	3226	618	..
" " Brothers Buried.....	25	2	..
" " Widowed Families relieved	4	..	5
Amount paid for relief of Brothers	\$21,499.45	\$772.10	..
" " relief of widowed families.....	\$72.59	....	\$370.00
" " relief of orphans	\$111.65	\$111.65	....
" " burying the dead	\$1942.40	\$342.40	....
" " special relief.....	\$1101.85	....	\$1042.90
Total amount paid for relief.....	\$24,727.85	....	\$188.75
" " " current expenses	\$15,199.25	....	\$207.14
" " of assets	\$210,611.10	\$11,730.52	....
Average amount of benefits paid to each sick member.....	\$62.32	\$3.77	....
Average amount expended for relief per member.....	\$8.08		\$0.67
Average duration of sickness per			

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member.....	7 dys 9 hrs.	23 hrs.	...
Average duration of sickness per sick member.....	9 wks 2 dys 11 hrs.	1wk 6dys 21hrs	
Average cost per member for current expenses.....	\$4.97	....	\$0.44
Average cost per member for all Lodge expenditure.....	\$13.05	....	\$1.11
Average amount of assets per member.....	\$68.83	....	\$1.02
Total amount expended for relief in this Jurisdiction since institution of Grand Lodge in 1874	\$253,392.41		

REBEKAH LODGES.

		Increase.	Decrease.
No. of Lodges 31st December, 1899	8	1	..
“ “ Members—brothers.....	173	27	..
“ “ “ —sisters	314	27	..
“ “ “ admitted during the year—brothers....	65	28	..
“ “ “ admitted during the year—sisters	91	48	..
Receipts during the year.....	\$1,343.54	\$531.74	..
Payments “ for relief of memb's	\$110.00	\$59.50	..
“ “ Lodge expenses..	\$1043.48	\$154.71	..
Total assets 31st December, 1899...	\$1261.60		\$277.38

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

CASH RECEIVED AND PAID TO GRAND TREASURER.

FROM WHOM RECEIVED.		Tax term		Supplies.	Charter Fees and Sundries	Total.
		ended 30th June 1899.	ended 31st Dec. 1899.			
Victoria. Lodge, No. 1	1	\$ 43 60	\$ 41 60	\$ 3 00	\$	\$ 88 20
Columbia. "	2	60 00	58 40	11 50	.....	129 90
Royal City. "	3	63 20	63 60	7 10	.....	133 90
Dominion. "	4	61 20	62 80	5 65	.....	129 65
Black Diamond. "	5	61 60	58 00	.....	.....	119 60
Harmony. "	6	50 40	49 20	1 00	.....	100 60
Excelsior. "	7	12 80	16 00	2 70	.....	31 50
Vancouver. "	8	48 80	48 00	.....	.....	96 80
Tatnai. "	9	23 60	26 00	2 00	.....	51 60
Western Star. "	10	74 80	80 00	6 00	.....	160 80
Union. "	11	26 00	26 40	1 00	.....	53 40
Selkirk. "	12	29 60	32 00	2 00	.....	63 60
Cloverdale. "	15	14 00	12 40	1 00	.....	27 40
Kootenay. "	16	24 40	28 00	14 00	.....	66 40
Duncan. "	17	17 20	16 80	2 50	.....	36 50
Vernon Valley. "	18	12 40	12 40	1 05	.....	25 85
Mount Pleasant. "	19	17 20	17 60	4 95	.....	39 75
Centennial. "	20	42 00	39 60	2 75	.....	84 35
Delta. "	21	14 80	14 80	20	.....	29 80
Gold Range. "	22	14 80	14 40	1 20	.....	30 40
Ashcroft. "	23	13 60	13 60	1 00	.....	28 20
Island. "	24	12 40	14 40	50	.....	27 30
Revelstoke. "	25	23 60	26 40	7 25	.....	57 25
Pacific. "	26	87 20	85 20	16 50	.....	188 90
Amity. "	27	58 40	60 80	5 50	.....	124 70
Cheam. "	28	16 40	17 60	1 25	.....	35 25
Banner. "	31	37 15	33 60	6 00	.....	76 75
Peerless. "	33	50 00	44 80	4 25	.....	99 05
Rocky Mountain. "	34	19 20	19 20	5 50	.....	43 90
Cedar. "	35	20 40	20 80	.....	.....	41 20
Rossland. "	36	30 40	41 60	8 00	.....	80 00
Carson. "	37	11 00	11 60	1 50	.....	24 70
Boundary Valley. "	38	16 80	19 20	.....	.....	36 00
Silver City. "	39	30 00	28 40	.....	.....	58 40
Slocan. "	40	15 20	14 40	5 85	.....	35 45
Trout Lake. "	41	8 00	10 40	2 50	.....	20 90
Key City. "	42	.....	19 20	4 35	.....	23 55
Enterprise. "	43	.....	25 60	31 00	30 00	86 60
Willey. "	44	.....	.....	30 00	30 00	60 00
Colfax. Rebekah L. No. 1	1			4 00		4 00
Mizpah. "	2			1 00		1 00
Beechah. "	5			1 00		1 00
Laurel. "	9			2 00		2 00
Doborah. "	12			2 35		2 35

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

CASH RECEIVED AND PAID TO GRAND TREASURER.—CONT.

Brought forward					
Members of defunct Lodges				20 25	20 25
Grand Lodge Cards.....			75		75
Sundry Persons.....			1 00		1 00
Sale of regalia of defunct L				35 00	35 00
Donations to Odd Fellows					
Home account				1 85	1 85
Refund Premium Grand					
Treasurer's Bond				85	85
Bank of British Columbia.					
Vancouver, Interest...				41 73	41 73
	\$1162 75	\$1224 80	\$ 212 65	\$159 68	\$2759 88

ORDERS DRAWN ON GRAND TREASURER.

Date.	No. of Order	In Whose Favor.	Description.	Amount
1899.				
June 16	1	Grand Treasurer	Per Diem & Mileage '99	115 10
" 16	2	A. Henderson, G. M.	Typewriting Report.	12 00
" 16	3	W. H. Huxtable.	Caretaker G. S. office 12m	20 00
" 16	4	H. J. Rickard	Janr & Light Sess. '99.	10 00
" 21	5	"	Ptg. Report Dues & Ben.	9 00
" 29	6	R. S. Day	Premium G. Sec. Bond.	10 00
July 6	7	A. A. Boak & Co.	Premium G. T. Bond.	20 00
Aug. 1	8	D. Welsh, G. M.	Allowance for expenses	125 00
" 16	9	F. Davey, G. S.	Trans'n to Sov. G. L.	18 50
" 16	10	Colonist Ptg. & Pub. Co.	Order Bks. on Treasurer	15 50
Sept. 5	11	T. R. Cusack	Ptg Proceedings, Sess. '99	175 98
" 14	12	"	Salary, 3 months.	150 00
" 14	13	"	Postage and Sundries.	20 25
Oct. 19	14	F. Norris	Trunk for books, etc.	9 00
Nov. 9	15	T. R. Cusack	Ptg orders for P. W.	4 00
" 23	16	F. Davey, G. S.	Trans'n to Sov. G. L.	21 67
Dec. 14	17	"	Salary, 3 months.	150 00
" 14	18	"	Postage and sundries.	11 25
" 30	19	Howay & Reid	Legal opinion	5 00
1900.				
Jan. 5	20	D. Welsh, G. M.	Allowance for expenses	75 00
" 29	21	F. Davey, G. S.	Dep D.S.B. O. Home F'd	146 00
" 29	22	"	Dep D.S.B. Aged O. F. F'd	72 00
Mar. 17	23	"	Salary, 3 months.	150 00
" 17	24	"	Postage and sundries.	10 45
" 17	25	Odd Fellows Union, Vic.	Rent G. S. Office, 12 mo.	100 00
" 17	26	F. Davey, G. S.	Trans'n to Sov. G. L.	150 00
" 31	27	"	"	31 50
May 4	28	D. Welsh, G. M.	Bal. of Allow'ce for Exp.	50 00
" 15	29	F. Davey, G. S.	Dep D.S.B. O. F. Home F'd	153 00
" 15	30	"	Dep D.S.B. Aged O. F. F'd	76 00
" 15	31	"	Salary, 3 months.	150 00
" 15	32	"	Postage and sundries.	8 80
" 15	33	T. R. Cusack.	Printing, etc.	8 00
" 15	34	F. Davey, G. S.	Dep D.S.B. Aged O. F. F'd	56 00
				<u>3139 00</u>

SUMMARY.

Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer per last report	\$2,191 02
Cash received and paid to Grand Treasurer	2,756 88
	<u>\$1,950 90</u>
Less Orders drawn on Grand Treasurer	3,139 00
	<u>\$1,811 90</u>

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STOCK ACCOUNT.

	DR.	CR.
Balance from last year's account.....	\$202 78	
Goods bought during the year.....	103 95	
Freight on supplies from Sovereign Grand Lodge.	4 67	
Goods sold during the year.....		\$ 204 90
Gain during the year.....	32 08	
Value of Stock on hand.....		138 58
	\$343 48	\$ 343 48

ODD FELLOW'S HOME ACCOUNT.

1899.		
June 2—Amount on hand as per last Report.....	\$ 490 42	
“ 30—Contribution by Grand Lodge, 5 cents per member	145 55	
July 1—Interest Dominion Government Savings Bank...	9 98	
“ 27—Contribution, Lodges in Vancouver.....	1 85	
Dec. 31—Contribution, Grand Lodge, 5 cents per member.	153 00	
		\$ 800 80
Deposited in Dom. Gov't Saving Bank..	\$ 798 65	
In hands of Grand Treasurer.....	2 15	
		\$ 800 80

AGED ODD FELLOW'S FUND.

1899.		
June 2—Amount on hand as per last Report.....	\$ 133 88	
“ 30—Contribution Grand Lodge, 2½ cents per memt er.	72 77	
July 1—Interest Dom. Gov't Savings Bank.....	64	
Dec. 31—Contribution Grand Lodge, 2½ cents per member.	76 50	
Nov. 11—Enterprise Lodge, No. 43, Purchase of Regalia of late Mission City Lodge.....	35 00	
Received from members of defunct Lodges for Grand Lodge Cards.....	20 25	
		\$ 339 04
Deposited in Dom. Gov't Saving Bank..	\$ 338 64	
In hands of Grand Treasurer.....	40	
		\$ 339 04

1904

BALANCE SHEET.

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I.O.O.F., 1st, JUNE, 1930.

Folio of Ledgr	ACCOUNT.	DR.	CR.
44	Furniture and Regalia.....	\$ 496 65	
72	Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.....	37	
94	Miriam Rebekah Lodge, No. 3		4 00
105	Kootenay Lodge, No. 16.....		85
109	Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18		05
111	Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 19.....		1 20
115	Delta Lodge, No. 21.....	40	
117	Gold Range Lodge, No. 22.....		20
129	Stock	138 58	
137	Island Lodge, No. 24.....	35	
144	Sovereign Grand Lodge.....		1 10
154	Grand Treasurer.....	1811 90	
162	Profit and Loss.....		2433 95
163	Vancouver Lodge, No. 8		2 05
169	Pacific Lodge, No. 26.....	1 00	
181	Banner Lodge, No. 31.....		55
189	Rocky Mountain Lodge, No. 34		3 05
191	Cedar Lodge, No. 35.....		2 00
194	Odd Fellows Home.....		800 80
196	Dom. Gov't Savings Bank (Home Acct) ..	738 65	
206	Esther Rebekah Lodge.....		1 95
208	Carson Lodge, No. 37		25
218	Boundary Valley Lodge, No. 38.....	15	
220	Silver City Lodge, No. 39.....	35	
232	Slocan Lodge, No. 40.....	1 55	
234	Aged Odd Fellows Fund.....		339 04
242	Trout Lake Lodge, No. 41.....		15
246	Dom. Gov't Svgs. Bk. (Aged O. Fellows acct)	338 64	
248	Key City Lodge, No. 42.....		20
250	Enterprise Lodge, No. 43.....	1 65	
252	Wilkey Lodge.....	1 15	
		\$3591 39	\$ 3591 39

The salient points on which we may congratulate ourselves in reviewing these figures are the increase in membership, 215; the decrease in the number of members suspended for non-payment of Dues, 41; the reduction in the number of brothers who have been in receipt of Sick Benefits 9, and in the amount which has been paid under this head, \$188.75 notwithstanding the increase in membership; the substantial increase in the total Assets \$11,730.52 and diminution in the cost per member for working expenses and for all Lodge expenditures aggregating \$1.11 per member, all these items are important factors of success in institutions such as ours.

On behalf of the Odd Fellows of this city I welcome you in assembling here to-day in the birth place of Odd Fellowship in this Province, here the first Lodge was instituted on the 10th March, 1864 and it was here that this Grand Lodge was instituted, with only five Lodges, on 25 April, 1874. At that time the majority of the Lodges and members were in this city, but what a change has come over the scene, to-day we have representatives here from almost every section of the Province. Now the vast areas of the province are being populated, its immense resources are being developed, towns are springing up in all directions and it would be strange indeed if Odd Fellowship with all its beneficent advantages and its social and fraternal attractions should not participate in the general prosperity and keep pace with the remarkable progress which we have witnessed on every hand.

The pioneers of Odd Fellowship in this Jurisdiction, many of whom I am pleased to say we have with us to-day, must rejoice at the success which has attended their efforts in planting the seed of our order here, they greet you to-day and wish you God Speed in your mission of fraternity and love. They built better than they knew, they laid the foundations of the structure deep and broad, and it remains for us to add to the permanency of the edifice by wise and useful legislation, by earnest and indefatigable work, repairing and replacing any defective points that may be apparent and vigorously striving to extend its borders.

Our annual gatherings I am convinced are productive of much good, and are looked forward to with expectant pleasure, they enlarge our views and revive our enthusiasm. I trust the present meeting will prove both pleasant and profitable and that our deliberations may tend to the upbuilding and strengthening of the Order in this highly favored Province.

Fraternally submitted,



GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Treasurer read his report, certified as correct by the Finance Committee, which was on motion ordered to be received and spread on the Minutes.

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VICTORIA, B. C., June 13th, 1900.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. I. O. O. F.

JAMES STARK, GRAND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
GRAND LODGE OF B. C., I. O. O. F.

DR.

1899

June 16.	To Balance from last Grand Treasurer ..	\$2,191 02
July 5.	" " Cheque from Pacific Lodge, No. 26...\$	87 20
Oct. 13.	" " Cash from Grand Secretary	1,030 00
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Jan. 4.	" " Cheque from Pacific Lodge, No. 26...	85 20
" 20.	" " Cash from Mt Pleasant Lodge, No. 19	17 60
" 20.	" " " " Western Star " " 10	80 00
" 20.	" " " " Vancouver... " " 8	48 00
Mar. 31.	" " " " Grand Secretary	904 37
June 1.	" " " " Grand Secretary.....	465 78
		2,718 15
" 1.	" " Interest on deposits Bank of B. C....	41 73
		\$4,950 90

CR.

1900

June 1.	By Paid Orders No. 1 to 34 inclusive....	\$3,139 00
	Balance Cash on hand.....	1,811 90
		\$4,950 90

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES STARK.

GRAND TREASURER.

Examined and found correct

GEORGE T. FOX, *Chairman Fin. Com.*

JAMES POTTINGER.

The Grand Master appointed the following to form the
Committee on Distribution:—Rep. T. A. Muir, No. 3, T. F.
Neelands, No. 8, J. Crossan, P. G. M., No. 5.

J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 3, read the report of
the Grand Representative which was ordered to be received
and printed with the proceedings of this Session.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS:—In compliance with the requirements of our office your representatives attended the 75th annual session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or the Diamond Jubilee of Odd Fellowship, which convened at Detroit, Michigan, on the 18th of September last, the usual Saturday excursion and Divine Services on Sunday were highly appreciated by many members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The first formal and public reception was held on Monday the 18th of September at 10 a. m. in the Detroit Opera House.

Col. O. A. Janes, Chairman of the General Local Committee, delivered the address of welcome in behalf of the Odd Fellows of Detroit.

The Mayor of Detroit, Bro. W. C. Maybury, was there to tell how good an Odd Fellow he was, in intent at least, and to give a welcome both for the State and City. His Worship was loud in the praise of the good work being accomplished by the Order, and made special and kindly reference to our motto, "Friendship, Love and Truth".

G. M. Col. E. H. Sellers spoke on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, Bro. Robt. Donovan for the Grand Encampment, Brigadier-General C. S. Martin for the Patriarch Militant, and Sister E. Haskins, President of the Rebekah State Assembly, on behalf of the ladies of the Order. Between each of the addresses the orchestra discoursed sweet and appropriate music. Among other tunes noticed was our National Anthem, God Save the Queen.

Then came the response of Grand Sire A. S. Pinkerton, which was a master-piece of oratory,

The Public exercises being concluded the Officers and members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge repaired to Harmony Hall, where the 75th session was promptly called to order, and after the usual opening ceremonies the body settled down to business.

Your representatives were appointed on the following committees—Dempster, Committee on Correspondence; Dailey, Committee of International Relations; Phillips, Committee on Unfinished Business.

The following are a few brief extracts from the Grand Sire's Report:

Eighty years ago American Oddfellowship was born. Seventy-five years since the Sovereign Grand Lodge came into existence. Wonderful has been the development of this fraternity. In 1819 one

Lodge and five members. In 1899, 11,419 Lodges and 830,961 members. During the last sixty years 2,252,784 persons have crossed our threshold, and from a total revenue of \$209,833,559.13 during the period the sum of \$80,903,642.61 has been distributed not in alms but in fraternal and brotherly relief.

MEMBERSHIP.

On December 31st last our Subordinate Lodge membership was 830,961 and the number of Sisters enrolled in Rebekah Lodges 190,007. These figures in combination exhibit a total of 1,020,968 and enable us for the first time to honestly claim fraternal affiliation with over a million persons.

The above figures show an increase of 18,041 in subordinate lodge members and of 12,184 in female membership of Rebekah Lodges. A total net gain during the last calendar year of 30,225.

The number of subordinate lodges has increased by 100 making 11,419 now in existence, while the 5,053 Rebekah Lodges indicate an increase of 257. During the past year 65,588 persons have been initiated in the former class and 51,671 in the latter.

The total revenue during 1898 was \$8,766,393.56. The total expenditure was \$7,582,712.96. Suplus of Revenue over expenditure, \$1,183,680.60.

87,613 brothers and 5,707 widowed families shared in the \$3,422,986.50 distributed in relief.

The total invested funds of the Order amount to \$27,185,241.46 a gain of \$796,545.72, surely a profitable showing especially in view of the fact that during the same time our expenses increased by \$194,572.76 and the amount paid for relief by \$58,357.09, while the total revenue decreased \$79,866.34. The number of weeks sickness for which benefits were paid was 34,316 less than in the preceding year and while the above financial exhibit is highly gratifying in many ways, especially in the large increase of invested funds and in its demonstration of the Order's care of and generosity towards its members it is to be hoped that in your several jurisdictions you will seek to impress upon the members the necessity of measuring the expenses by income.

The substantial increase in the subordinate membership as compared with an average net gain of 8,399 during the past four years and of 6,989 during the past two years illustrates the latent energy of our Order and argues well for what is to come. As long as Odd-fellowship is maintained in its purity, subordinate lodges will continue to be strong. It is not to be anticipated that the rapid growth of the Rebekah Lodges largely due to legislation that admitted a

class of women once excluded, would continue, but the increase of 14,048 indicates the prosperity of a degree that has rapidly grown in favour. The legislation of the last few years has greatly enlarged the powers and increased the burdens of these lodges. In many places these powers have not been understood nor have the members entirely adapted themselves to the new conditions. Conservatism and a study of present surroundings should in my opinion, dictate the policy to be pursued in the immediate future relative to this growing and attractive branch of our fraternity.

With a view to economy only two copies of the Journal will in future be furnished to each Grand Representative and the mailing list will be dispensed with.

All amendments to the constitution were defeated.

All Jurisdictions were represented.

LEGISLATION ADOPTED.

The law giving authority to a Noble Grand or Chief Patriarch to communicate the pass word upon an official certificate was amended by the following:

Resolved, That the possession of a visiting card the date of which extends to a date later than when the same is presented or an official Certificate for dues paid to a date later than that when the same, is presented properly signed and sealed be, and the same is hereby declared sufficient proper and legal authority for any Noble Grand, Chief Patriarch or Noble Grand of a Rebekah Lodge, upon proper identification, to communicate to the holder thereof the annual travelling pass-word, or the annual pass-word of the Rebekah degree (as the case may be) and if the holder of a visiting card or official certificate as above mentioned is a member of a Lodge, Encampment or Rebekah Lodge in same jurisdiction as the Lodge, Encampment or Rebekah Lodge to which the said visiting card or official certificate is presented, then in that event the Noble Grand, Chief Patriarch or Noble Grand of a Rebekah Lodge is authorized to communicate to the holder of said visiting card or official certificate, the semi-annual pass-word or check word (as the case may be).

Resolved, That all laws in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

Resolved, That the committee on printing supplies be and are hereby authorized to have made an appropriate jewel for District Deputy Grand Masters the same to be sold at a remunerative price. We recommend the adoption of the resolution with the provision and understanding that, that but one shall be made until a photograph of the same with a circular of explanation has been sent to the

various jurisdictions and further that these jewels shall only be made upon order for same to the Grand Secretary.

The language of the visiting card was amended as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing supplies be requested in future editions of the visiting card to print after the word "Odd-fellows," in the 15th line below the head line, the word "until" in lieu of the words "for the space of" as at present used, the said word "until," when the card is filled for use, to be followed with the definite date to which the card is issued.

The law governing the duty of Brothers away from their respective lodges was amended by the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the law found on page 10,900 of the Journal of this Grand Lodge for 1897, and the digest in section 112, of White's new Digest 1895, be and is hereby amended to read as follows, to wit: "*Resolved*, (1st) That it is the duty of every Oddfellow when he is away from home and out of the jurisdiction of his Lodge, to give attention and care to his Brethern in distress, and watch with the sick when necessary, as well as when he is in his own jurisdiction; and further, "*Resolved*, (2nd) That it is and shall be the duty of every member of the Order upon taking up his residence away from the vicinity of his own Lodge to report himself to the Lodge near his residence, or when it is equally near to two or more Lodges, to one thereof, within 30 days after taking up such residence, and in making such report he shall give the name and number and location of his Lodge, and when requested by the Lodge to which he has reported, shall watch the sick who are under the care of said Lodge, both members and visitors; and any such member failing so to report or watch shall not be entitled to attention from any Lodge, and this legislation shall not be construed to hinder or prevent any Lodge or member from furnishing watchers or giving attention to any sick or needy brother."

The law with reference to members of defunct subordinate lodges and encampments was amended as follows:

Resolved, That Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments through their proper officers shall be permitted to issue to members of defunct lodges or encampments withdrawal cards or dismissal certificates, according to the standing of the brother when the lodge or encampment surrendered its charter, and members holding such cards or certificates shall have the same privilege and are to be recognized by every subordinate lodge or encampment to which they may be presented, whether in or out of the jurisdiction issuing them, as having the same force and effect of a withdrawal card or dismissal certificate that has been issued by an existing subordinate in good

standing, and will enable the holder to join another subordinate lodge or encampment.

Resolved, That all laws in conflict with the above resolution be and the same are hereby repealed.

That the following be added to the telegraph code: Benefit—What sick and funeral benefits do you pay? Widow—Wife or child of a deceased member of your lodge is in our city asking assistance. Shall we draw on you to the extent of \$———?

That the dollar mark be added before the blank at the end of sentence following key words "fund" and "regalia" now in use.

That such property as comes from defunct Lodges as are directly subordinate to the Sovereign Grand Lodge be at the discretionary disposal of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary. Likewise that such property coming from defunct Lodges to a Provincial Grand Lodge be at the disposal of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of such Provincial Jurisdiction.

That each subordinate encampment is hereby allowed to procure not exceeding six rituals and each subordinate lodge not to exceed four rituals for the use of said subordinate bodies.

That the law passed at the last Session prohibiting the use of the name of the Order by insurance societies was repealed as to the Oddfellows' Relief Association of Canada.

Resolved, That subdivision 6 of the Code for the Government of Rebekah Lodges be amended by adding thereto the following; "Their daughters, their sisters and their mothers and the daughters, sisters and mothers of deceased Oddfellows" and when so amended the same shall read as follows: "Section 6, subdivision 2: All Oddfellows in good standing and their wives, their daughters, their sisters and their mothers and the daughters and sisters and mothers of deceased Oddfellows."

Section 26 of the Code for the Government of Rebekah Lodges is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 26:—Visiting and withdrawal cards and dismissal certificates and certificates for former members of defunct Rebekah Lodges shall be provided by the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge for the Rebekah Lodges and their members and the same shall be furnished to State, Territorial or Provincial jurisdictions at the same price as those for subordinate lodges and their members, and all law and decisions of this Grand Lodge relating to application and fees for and to issuance, use, force and effect of similar cards and certificates, in and by Grand and subordinate lodges and their members shall apply and extend to said cards and Certificates.

A committee was appointed to present at the next session a sister's word of distress to be used by sisters in the work when in need of assistance; also "Assembly Honors" to be used in Rebekah Lodges on official visitations.

The next session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge will be held at the City of Richmond, Virginia.

DECISIONS.

One hundred and sixty-four decisions were made by the Grand Sire, all were approved—a record unprecedented in the history of Oddfellowship. Some four of five were slightly modified. All that are of any probable interest to our jurisdiction, in our opinion are produced herewith.

2. *Ques.*—On Page 220, Journal of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, 1898, it is provided that a properly signed and sealed certificate, under proper indentification, shall be authority to any Noble Grand to communicate the "current travelling pass-word of the Order." What is meant by "current travelling pass-word" in this resolution?

Ans.—The annual travelling pass-word.

3. *Ques.*—Does this resolution authorize the communication of the term pass-word of a jurisdiction upon the presentation of said Certificate to the Noble Grand of a lodge other than that to which the holder of the Certificate belongs?

Ans.—It does not.

4. *Ques.*—Is a brother who receives an official receipt for his dues entitled to receive the annual travelling pass-word in connection therewith?

Ans.—Only such brothers as pay their dues in advance are entitled to receive the annual travelling pass-word at the time they pay their dues and receive an official certificate therefor.

5. *Ques.*—Does the adoption of resolution No. 200, Page 226, Daily Journal of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, authorize the Noble Grand or Chief Patriarch to communicate the term, or semi-annual, pass-word in addition to the travelling pass-word, when official certificate is presented by members of their own jurisdiction?

Ans.—The resolution authorizes the communication of the travelling pass-word only. The law relating to the communication of the term pass-word is not changed by this resolution.

6. *Ques.*—Under the same resolution would the Noble Grand or Chief Patriarch be authorized to communicate the travelling pass-word to a brother in possession of a visiting card, and not having an order or an official certificate?

Ans.—A Noble Grand or Chief Patriarch can communicate the travelling pass-word only to such holders of a visiting card (unless a member of his own lodge or encampment) as have in addition thereto an order for such pass-word, or an official certificate certified as in resolution.

7. The holder of a visiting card desiring to procure the annual travelling pass-word from the Noble Grand of a Lodge, other than his own must also present a properly executed order for such pass-word.

8. The resolution adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge (Page 16,136 of Journal, 1898, Report 199) did not authorize a Noble Grand to give the annual travelling pass-word to the holder of a visiting card, such holder not presenting an official certificate such as is named in said resolution, unless with said card was also presented a properly executed order for such pass-word.

9. *Ques.*—Under the recent law of the Sovereign Grand Lodge (Page 16,136 of S. G. L. Journal, 1898) a Noble Grand can legally communicate the annual travelling pass-word to a brother presenting an official certificate, executed in the manner described in said resolution, without a written order for the pass-word.

10. *Ques.*—There is nothing in the general laws of the Order which deprives a Past Grand, who is more than thirteen weeks in arrears for dues, of the privilege of voting for Grand officers.

11. *Ques.*—A subordinate lodge may provide in its by-laws that, "any brother of this Lodge, taken sick, shall not be entitled to benefits for more than four weeks anterior to the time of reporting such sickness to his lodge" provided, there is no law of the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction to the contrary.

12. *Ques.*—An official certificate can be used in lieu of a visiting card as a basis for application for membership in another lodge than that to which the member belonged when the certificate or card was issued, the applicant retaining his membership in the first named lodge pending the result of his application to the second. Such official certificate takes the place of the visiting card required by law as set forth in section 608 of White's Digest, 1895.

13. *Ques.*—A member in good standing of a subordinate lodge can resign membership therein at any time before charges have been preferred against him.

14. *Ques.*—Attentive benefits do not depend upon a member's good standing in his subordinate lodge. A brother, though in arrears for dues and thus not entitled to pecuniary benefits, is entitled to attentive benefits, including watchers, when needed, so long as he

remains a member of his subordinate lodge, and is not dropped or suspended therefrom.

19. *Ques.*—A provision for night watchers is a form of attentive benefit and a mode of care distinctly different from payment of sick benefits and the one is not dependent upon the other.

20. *Statement.*—A brother in open lodge moves that a donation be made from the lodge funds to be placed to the credit of a member, sufficient to place the member liable to suspension in good standing. Motion carried.

Ques.—Is this legal.

Ans.—It is not. A lodge has no right to remit dues, nor can it draw money from its treasury to pay dues for any class of members. The use of lodge funds, in the manner indicated in the statement, while called a donation is simply the transfer of funds to the brother's credit for the purpose of paying his dues, and is therefore an illegal use of lodge funds, under the general laws of the Order.

21. The disabilities of an ancient Oddfellow are removed when he is readmitted to membership in a lodge, and he is then entitled to all the privileges and benefits that such membership confers.

22. Members can retire from the lodge room when the lodge is closed in one degree, and before it is opened in another.

23. If at the time set for the installation of Officers the Noble Grand elect is unable to be present by reason of illness, and for such reason is excused by the lodge, the Vice Grand then installed should thereafter occupy the Noble Grand's position until the installation of the Noble Grand elect.

24. In a subordinate lodge a third degree member is eligible to appointment as right supporter of a Noble Grand.

25. *Ques.*—Is not an official certificate for dues paid in advance, signed by the Noble Grand and attested by the secretary of the lodge with the seal of the lodge thereon, *per se* an order for the annual travelling pass-word in the hands of the holder thereof in other jurisdictions than his own?

Ans.—It is, upon proper identification, such an order for the annual travelling pass-word on the continent of North America.

26. Where the constitution of a Grand Lodge requires the secretary of a subordinate "To notify the Grand Secretary of rejection of candidates and expulsion of members" it is the duty of the Secretary of such subordinate lodge to notify the Grand Secretary when an applicant for membership by card, either withdrawal or visiting is rejected.

29. The official certificate properly executed is itself an order for the annual travelling pass-word. No other order for the pass-word is necessary.

30. A member can not vote or take part in the business of the lodge unless clothed in the appropriate regalia.

31. The rejection of an application for membership based upon the deposit of a visiting card, subjects such applicant to the provisions of law that forbids applicants rejected to apply to any lodge for admission within six months after such rejection.

33. The charter of a subordinate lodge cannot be surrendered by a vote of the members present at a regular meeting of the lodge, should five members wish to retain and work under it, even though those five members were not present at the meeting when it was voted to surrender the charter.

35. A subordinate lodge has no right to issue to a brother in return for the payment of his dues an order for a receipt, or a paper to be exchanged for a receipt when the brother shall so desire. The issuance of such a paper is a palpable evasion of the law requiring the use of the official certificate. It is in effect a receipt, although not so termed.

36. When a Grand Officer is visiting officially a subordinate lodge he should be introduced after he has addressed the chairs and should then be received with the honors of the Order.

37. *Ques.—(a)* Can the Noble Grand of a Lodge legally authorize a member of his own lodge other than a Vice Grand or a Past Grand (whom he knows to be legally in possession of the annual travelling pass-word) to communicate the annual travelling pass-word to a visitor holding an order for the same?

(b) Does the law of the Order regarding the admission of visitors permit the Noble Grand to appoint a scarlet degree member, not the Vice Grand, who may be in possession of the annual travelling pass-word to communicate the annual travelling pass-word to a visitor holding an order for the same?

(c) In the absence of the Noble Grand and the Vice Grand, a Past Grand being in the chair, is it permissible to appoint a visiting brother, who is the Noble Grand of another lodge, to serve upon the committee of examination, for the purpose of communicating the annual travelling pass-word to a brother holding an order for the same?

*Ans.—*The answer to each of these questions must be No. The By-Laws and general legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge clearly contemplate that the Noble Grand a presiding officer of a lodge

(other than the R. S. or N. G. temporarily occupying the chair) should communicate the annual travelling pass-word to visitors, and I am not aware of any law that authorizes him to delegate that privilege.

38. A subordinate Lodge can not examine a visitor in the Grand Lodge degrees.

39. It is mandatory upon a subordinate lodge issuing a visiting or withdrawal card, to insert therein the highest rank which the brother, to whom the card is issued has attained in the Order, and this whether such rank has been attained in the subordinate, or Grand Lodge, or in the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

40. *Ques.*—Referring to the laws digested in Secs. 700, 701 and 703, White's new Digest of 1895, and particularly to the words "he having been first notified of the action that would be taken" in the third resolution on page 7505 of the Journal of 1877. Must this notice of contemplated suspension be given after the full years dues have accrued, or may such notice that suspension will follow if dues for one year are permitted to accrue, be given before the end of the year?

Ans.—Such notice must be given after the full year's dues have accrued.

41. Past official rank can only be obtained by service. It can not be conferred by a resolution of a lodge as a mark of esteem for a brother who has not actually rendered the required service.

42. A Grand Warden, being an elective officer of the Grand Lodge, takes rank and precedence over a District Deputy Grand Master.

43. The Vice Grand, while occupying the chair of the Noble Grand, should wear the regalia of the Noble Grand.

44. A minor daughter of a brother, and a member of his family, is not entitled to be paid by a lodge for nursing her father during his illness.

45. A newly instituted subordinate lodge must be opened by the Grand Master or instituting officer in the third degree.

46. The suicide of a brother is no bar, under the general laws of the Order to the payment of funeral benefits by his lodge.

47. The travelling pass-word as well as all the pass-words of various degrees of the Order, are to be spoken as written and pronounced in English and are not to be translated into any other language.

48. When the Vice Grand of a Subordinate Lodge is given authority to appoint his own supporters, the Noble Grand can not prevent their installation upon the claim that the appointees are not acceptable to him.

49. An insane brother incapable of performing an intelligent act cannot be expelled from membership because of infraction of the rules of the Order.

50. Under no circumstances can a member who has not received the third degree be elected Vice Grand of a lodge.

51. A Junior Past Grand is not an officer of a subordinate lodge and is not subject to a fine imposed by the lodge upon "absent officers."

52. The possession of an official certificate or a receipt for dues does not of itself permit visitation. It is the duty of a lodge to which such certificate is presented to cause the brother's identity to be proven by an examination, or otherwise, and no brother refusing to submit to such examination can insist upon his admission to the lodge.

53. It is obligatory upon a lodge granting a withdrawal card to state therein the highest rank that a brother has attained in his lodge.

54. The petition of a subordinate lodge must be signed by at least five members in the third degree, in good standing, including brothers holding unexpired withdrawal cards; brothers holding dismissal certificates or withdrawal cards out of date, may join in the petition, but such petition must also be signed by at least five third degree members in good standing.

55. *Statement*—On the 14th of April 1899, Royal City Lodge No. 13, of New Westminster, B.C., merged with New Westminster Lodge No. 3, of the same place under the provisions of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge. It appears that at the time the financial position of the Royal City Lodge was superior to that of New Westminster Lodge and that some of its members objected to its merger if its identity would be entirely destroyed by the transaction. In order to meet this objection and accomplish the object sought, it was mutually agreed that the consolidated lodge should be called Royal City Lodge, No. 3, thus taking the name of one and the number of the other Lodge. Prior to this amalgamation the charters of both lodges were destroyed by fire. A petition was presented to the last session of the Grand Lodge on behalf of the united lodge asking that a charter be issued it under the proposed name.

Ques.—Under this statement of facts can such a new charter with the new name and number be issued?

Ans.—It can. The power to authorize the consolidation of subordinate lodges and to arrange the terms and conditions of such consolidation, is vested in subordinate Grand Lodges, and such Grand Lodges possess the power to issue, under the circumstances named, a new charter to the consolidated lodge, bearing such name and number as the Grand Lodge shall determine.

REBEKAH DECISIONS.

60. An official certificate is a sufficient guarantee of good standing in a lodge to accompany a petition for membership in a Rebekah Lodge in another jurisdiction.

61. In absence of any local law to the contrary, a Past Grand of a subordinate lodge, who is a member in good standing of a Rebekah Lodge, can be appointed and commissioned by a Grand Master as a special deputy over a Rebekah lodge.

62. The legislation of 1893 providing for Rebekah installation floor work has never been repealed.

63. *Ques.*—A sister of a Rebekah lodge has served a majority of meeting nights as Noble Grand of her lodge, when, because of a failure of a quorum of its members, the lodge finally became defunct before the expiration of the regular term. Is the said Noble Grand entitled to a Past Noble Grand's certificate?

Ans.—She is not.

64. *Ques.*—What standing does a brother have in his Rebekah lodge, who stands suspended for non-payment of dues, in his subordinate lodge?

Ans.—Membership in a Rebekah lodge is dependent upon continuous good standing in a subordinate lodge, and a brother suspended for non-payment of dues in his subordinate lodge is, by reason thereof, suspended from membership in the Rebekah lodge to which he belongs.

65. *Ques.*—Does his membership in his Rebekah lodge cease immediately upon his suspension by his subordinate lodge, or does such suspension in the Rebekah lodge date from the time the official notice from the subordinate lodge is received by his Rebekah lodge?

Ans.—He is suspended from Rebekah lodge from the date of his suspension in the subordinate lodge.

66. *Ques.*—If the brother stands suspended in his Rebekah lodge by reason of his suspension in his subordinate lodge (even though he may have paid his dues for one year in advance in his Rebekah lodge) how does he become reinstated in his Rebekah lodge after being reinstated in his subordinate lodge.

Ans.—When the brother's disabilities are removed in the subordinate lodge, and he is restored to good standing therein, he becomes *ipso facto* reinstated in his Rebekah lodge, provided, he is not in arrears for dues in such Rebekah lodge.

68. *Ques.*—Is a Rebekah lodge an auxiliary to, or has it any connection whatever with, the subordinate lodge?

Ans.—A Rebekah lodge is an entirely independent organization from that of the subordinate lodge. It is auxiliary to the subordinate lodge only by reason of being engaged in kindred work, and being a division of the same order of Oddfellows, but in its government and chartered existence it is independent of, and not auxiliary to, the subordinate lodge.

72. *Ques.*—Can the wife of an Oddfellow be admitted to membership in a Rebekah lodge, she being at the time of her application thereto under the age of 18 years.

Ans.—Yes, if a white woman. The qualification for membership in such case is based upon the marital relation and not upon age.

73. A divorced woman is an unmarried woman and as such is eligible to membership in a Rebekah lodge.

74. *Ques.*—Can the Noble Grand before assuming the chair and before clothing herself in the regalia fill vacant chairs and direct that the officers repair to the preparation room, there to clothe themselves in the regalia and return to the lodge room, the object being to introduce a little floor work at the entrance of the officers in a body to assume their chairs, prior to the Noble Grand calling the lodge to order for the opening ceremony.

Ans.—There is no objection to the Noble Grand requesting members present to take the place of absent officers for the above named purpose, but should the actual officer arrive, before the entrance of such procession, such officer cannot be excluded from her proper place therein, and when the procession reaches the chairs, an officer who may not have been present when the procession entered, but who is then present cannot be displaced in her proper chair by the substitute invited by the Noble Grand to act in the procession.

75. *Ques.*—May the Warden be assisted by the Conductor in taking up the pass-word prior to opening a lodge?

Ans.—Yes, by direction of the Noble Grand.

79. An instituting officer of a Rebekah lodge, at the time of institution and in absence of qualified representatives of the jurisdiction in which the lodge is instituted, can invite a Past Grand Master of a neighboring jurisdiction, who happens to be present, to

exemplify the secret work of the degrees for the benefit and instruction of the members present.

80. A lady is not rendered ineligible to membership in a Rebekah lodge by the mere fact of being the daughter of a saloon keeper.

81. A Rebekah Assembly can neither authorize, or permit any additions to, or subtractions from the ritual of the Rebekah degree.

82. No portion of the encampment ritual can be used in a Rebekah lodge whether in connection with the Rebekah ritual or otherwise.

83. A Rebekah Assembly cannot admit representatives to seats therein who do not possess the qualifications designated for membership therein by the charter of the Assembly and the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

85. An Oddfellow who has only received the initiatory degree is entitled to membership in a Rebekah lodge. All provisions to the contrary were repealed by the enactment of the "Laws for the Government of Rebekah lodges" now in force.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS.

132. *Ques.* -- All insurance legislation having been repealed, will it be against the law of Odd Fellowship to use the name or emblems of the order in carrying on such business.

Ans. It is against the general laws of the Order for any insurance company, or association, to use the name or emblems of the Order in carrying on such business.

133. *Ques.* Will it be against the law for them to advertise to insure Odd Fellows only?

Ans. An insurance company or association is not violating the laws of the Order by simply advertising that it conducts its business with Odd Fellows only.

138. An amendment to the constitution of a State Grand Lodge is inoperative until approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or the Grand Sire in recess.

142. A Grand Lodge cannot by unanimous consent, suspend the operation of either its constitution or its By-Laws. Such laws are in full force until repealed or amended, in prescribed legal manner.

144. In all lodge processions whether Grand or subordinate the post of honour is in the rear, and upon the occasion of a visit of the Grand Officers of a jurisdiction to a subordinate lodge, when such officers enter in procession, the Grand Officer or Ranking Grand Officer should be in the rear.

146. The manager of a wholesale liquor establishment is not ineligible to membership in the Order by reason of the provision of Section 5, Article 10, of the constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

147. The contingent fund authorized by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and referred to in Section 378 of White's Digest of 1895, can not be used for pleasure excursions, or the mere gratification of individual members of the Order, but may be appropriated for the purpose of buying flowers, or music, at the funerals of deceased members, the payment of necessary railway or carriage expenses of bearers, or of members, attending such funeral, and for such purposes as tend to present the Order to the public in its true light, such as the procurement of speakers to instruct in the tenets of the Order, and in such kindred ways as will awaken general interest in the Order and its work.

151. *Statement.* A sister is put on trial on certain charges her husband appears for her, he walks out of the committee room during the trial, in indignation, and leaves her without representation; she is not present. The trial committee found her guilty of contempt and her lodge sustained the finding; she took an appeal to the Grand Lodge and reversed the decision of the Lodge. What is the defendant's status? Is she liable to trial on the charges?

Ans. The proceedings for contempt are entirely collateral to the main issue. The conviction for contempt being reversed, the defendant can now be tried on the original charges. (See appeal, Morning Star Lodge, S.G.L., 1871, Page 6,283; Appeal of O'Hara, S.G.L., 1883, Page 9,288.)

153. Where the constitution governing subordinate lodges provides, in describing the treasurer's duties, "That the treasurer shall pay all warrants drawn at a regular meeting" and "That a lodge may at any time call a special meeting but cannot transact any business at such special meeting except that named in the call without the consent of two-thirds of those present," no warrant for payment of money can be ordered at such special meeting unless the question of issuing said warrant is named in the call, or its issuance is the necessary, or natural, consequence of the business the meeting is called to consider.

154. The Sovereign Grand Lodge having designated the second Tuesday in June as Memorial Day, and required the Grand Sire to issue his proclamation requesting all subordinate lodges to properly observe such day, it is not within the power of a state Grand Lodge to fix by legislation the 30th day of May, or any other date, as Odd Fellows Memorial Day. The evident intent of the Sovereign Grand legislation was to fix a day which should be observed generally,

throughout all jurisdictions, and the date so fixed by it is binding and operative, throughout all subordinate Grand jurisdictions, to the extent that such subordinate jurisdictions cannot designate another day for such services.

155. A Noble Grand, who is not also a Past Grand, cannot be elected representative to a Grand Lodge.

156. The Grand Sire has no power to permit a Grand Lodge to meet at any other time or place, than is designated in the constitution of such Grand Lodge.

157. The Sovereign Grand Lodge has not fixed a minimum fee to be charged by a state Grand Lodge for a Charter, issued by it, to a subordinate lodge. The power to fix such fee rests in the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction.

164. *Statement*—A member is in good standing and entitled to sick benefits; he is injured to such an extent that he is unable to perform any work, but during the time he is disabled his salary as clerk continues.

Ques.—Is he entitled to sick benefits? The Lodge constitution is, "Every member qualified, as required by the By-Laws shall, in case of being disabled by sickness, bodily accident or mental infirmity from following his usual occupation or otherwise earning a livelihood, be entitled to and receive weekly benefits."

Ans.—Under the above circumstances, the salary of the brother continuing, and his earning capacity not being affected by his injuries, he would not be entitled to benefits. (Appeal East Tennessee Lodge, 13428.)

CONCLUSION.

We have attempted to give you a brief account of the most important acts of the last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge that are of interest in our estimation, to this Grand Body.

We sincerely hope that our efforts in this direction may prove of benefit to the Order in this jurisdiction.

We feel deeply grateful to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia for the distinguished honour conferred upon us by our election to the exalted position of Grand Representatives.

Fraternally submitted,

J. ED. PHILLIPS,
P. W. DEMPSTER.

Grand Representatives.

A communication was read from Columbia Lodge, No. 2, asking permission to exhibit the work of the Third Degree by a team of that Lodge at such time as the Grand Lodge might decide on. It was moved, seconded and carried: That the request be granted for to-morrow at 8:30 p.m.

The Committee on Appeals submitted the following Report which was adopted.

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 11th, 1900.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., Victoria, B. C.

DEAR SIRs AND BROTHERS.—The Committee on Appeals to whom was referred the appeal of Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18, from the decision of the Grand Master, re the claim of the relatives of Wm. Johnston, a deceased member of the said Lodge, beg to report that we find the grounds of appeal to be as follows:

1st: The relatives are asking for what the brother never claimed while he was living.

2nd: The relatives are claiming benefits for a period, during which time we have a letter stating that the brother had had better health than at any time since leaving Vernon.

3rd: Providing that he had intended to ask for benefits, he was not entitled to \$10.00 per week, as he had drawn the full limit according to the By-Laws, when paid his last benefits, viz: \$240.

4th: The Lodge offered to pay benefits for his last sickness, or the sickness that carried him off, providing the relatives would state the period, but claim was made for \$10.00 per week, from the date of his recovery from the previous sickness.

The Committee have gone very carefully, and thoroughly, into this matter, realizing the importance of rendering a decision that will insure to the relatives of deceased brothers, all that they are entitled to, and at the same time, not impose on the living, a tax to meet a claim which can be questioned in any way.

Taking the fourth clause of the grounds for appeal, we find, that the lodge was willing to pay benefits for the last sickness, or that which carried him off, providing the relatives would state the period. According to the lodge By-laws, "A member not disqualified to receive benefits, who by sickness or accident, may be rendered incap-

"able of following his usual occupation, or otherwise earning a livelihood, shall receive from the funds of his lodge the following benefits."

No evidence or proof of any kind has been submitted, that at any time from September 20th, 1898 to January 13th, 1899, the deceased brother was capable of earning a livelihood, but we have the doctor's certificate which gives absolute proof (proof that would be accepted in any law court) that the deceased was unable to work during the period for which benefits are claimed.

In regard to clause 3, it can readily be understood that persons not members of the Order would make the mistake that benefits were to continue at \$10.00 per week, as that amount had been paid.

In sustaining the decision of the Grand Master we might add, that from all the evidence before us, we find that the relatives of the deceased brother Wm. Johnston are entitled to benefits as follows: 2 weeks at \$10.00 per week, September 20th to October 13th, 1898, making 20 weeks or six months in all at \$10.00; and 13 weeks from October 14, 1898 to January 13, 1899, at \$7.50 per week, making the total amount due \$117.50.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. R. GORDON,
FRED. COCKBURN,
GEO. WALKER.

Committee.

The Committee on Statistics re Dues and Benefits presented the following Report which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

Your Special Committee on Statistics re Dues and Benefits, beg to present herewith in tabulated form, an Abstract of the Reports of the Subordinate Lodges of this Jurisdiction, of their Receipts and Payments, for the past ten years, with the averages shewn in each case.

We beg to congratulate you on the fact that the number of members on 31st December last is the largest ever reported in this Jurisdiction, but it is also noted that the number of weeks for which sick benefits were paid, the gross amount paid for sick benefits, and the average duration of sickness per member, are the highest shown for the past ten years. We are pleased to observe on the other hand

that the aggregate paid for working expenses is less than last year, and that the average cost per member for relief was 67 cents less, the average cost per member for working expenses 44 cents less, and the average cost per member for all lodge expenditures \$4.44 less than in the preceding year.

It is also gratifying to point out the steady reduction in the average cost for all lodge expenditures amounting to \$1.97 per member, which has occurred in the past fifteen years, as shewn in the appended abstract.

It would appear from the reports that there was a net profit on the working of the Lodges last year of \$11,919.78 or \$1.88 per member.

The sum shewn as disbursed for current expenses, represents an average of \$4.97 per member and although this is 44 cents less than last year, we incline to the belief that it is still in excess of what it should be, as it is 27½ per cent of the gross receipts, and 45½ per cent of the total received for members dues; it thus makes, in our opinion too serious an inroad in the funds that should be set aside to meet future demands, which will inevitably arise, for sick benefits as our membership grows older, to be regarded with indifference.

FRED. DAVEY,
J. Ed. PHILLIPS,
T. F. NEELANDS.

Committee.

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ABSTRACT OF REPORTS OF

FOR TEN YEARS

AMOUNT PAID FOR

Year.	No. of Members	No. Sick	No. of Weeks Benefits Paid.	Deaths.	Sick Benefits	Funeral Expenses	Widowed Families.	Relief and Education of Orphans.	Special Relief.	Total Relief.
1890 1202	132	959	6	8057	50	\$612 50	\$151 00	\$	\$	\$8821 00
1891 1430	171	1100	13	9525	70	881 50	120 00	50 00		10567 20
1892 1954	205	1164	13	9675	00	1106 00	300 00			11403 70
1893 2154	247	1279	13	10450	00	1116 00	397 00	145 00	774 00	12882 00
1894 3015	285	1606	14	13254	47	1093 00	25 00	00 00	544 00	15236 47
1895 2988	313	2053	26	17042	46	2255 50	394 30	170 65	825 55	20635 46
1896 2829	363	2601	26	20742	47	1914 49	712 45	184 50	1342 72	24806 63
1897 2801	337	2356	20	17450	90	1842 35	282 25	149 50	781 40	20506 40
1898 2847	354	2608	26	20727	35	1602 00	442 50		2144 75	24916 00
1899 3000	345	3226	25	21499	45	1942 40	72 50	111 65	1101 85	24727 85

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SUBORDINATE LODGES.

ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1899.

Current or Working Expenses.	AVERAGE.				RECEIPTS.			
	Sickness per Member.	Cost per Member for Total Relief	Cost Memb. Current or Work'g exp	Cost Memb. for all Lodge Ex- penditures.	Dues.	Initiation and Degree	Rent and other Investm'ts.	Total.
\$8367 74 5 1/2 dys	\$ 7 34	\$ 6 96	\$ 14 30	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$24721 70	
12107 37 5 1/2 "	7 31	8 47	15 86	.....	.....	.....	29591 26	
18660 41 4 1/2 "	5 84	9 55	15 30	.....	.....	.....	41142 93	
16111 97 4 1/2 "	5 98	7 48	13 46	.....	.....	.....	42480 02	
22077 36 3 1/2 "	5 05	7 32	12 37	27492 65	14900 50	10275 53	53798 79	
17919 01 4 1/2 "	6 90	6 00	12 90	31902 51	5085 50	7080 44	50191 98	
15544 20 6 5-12	8 80	5 50	14 30	30055 77	4610 00	9151 06	49255 88	
11903 95 5 5-6	7 32	5 32	12 64	29640 45	5703 51	8550 12	46787 37	
15406 39 6 5-12	8 75	5 41	14 16	31100 13	6840 51	10247 11	53208 98	
15190 25 7 1/2	8 08	4 97	13 05	33406 40	8480 00	9485 06	54846 88	

Average sickness per member during 10 years.....	5 dys. 8 1/2 hr
" cost per member for total relief during 10 years....	\$7 14
" " " " current expenses during 10 yrs	6 70
" " " " all Lodges expenditures during 10 years.....	13 84

ABSTRACT OF THE REPORTS FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS.

	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899
Average sickness per member during preceding 10 years.....	5½ days.	5 1-5dys	5 1-10 ds	5½ days.	5½ days.	5 d 8½ h.
“ cost per member for total relief preceding 10 years...	\$ 8 17	\$ 7 37	\$ 7 31	\$ 7 08	\$ 7 17	\$ 7 14
“ “ “ current expenses preceded 10 yrs	7 63	7 67	7 41	6 99	6 83	6 70
“ “ “ all Lodge Expenditures preceded- ing ten years... ..	15 81	15 04	14 73	14 07	14 00	13 84

Report read from the Committee on Distribution which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Distribution of the Grand Master's Report beg to recommend the following allotment of the matter contained therein to the several standing Committees:—

To the Committee on State of the Order:

Pages 3, 4 and 5 relating to the State of the Order; pages 6, 7 and 11, Official Visits; page 18, Installations; 20a, Miscellaneous; 20b and 20c, New Westminster Fire; Supplementary Report, page 1, re permission to solicit aid for sufferers Ottawa-Hull Fire; Reports of D.D.G.M's 21 also the Reports of the D.D.G.M's. respecting the State of the Order.

To the Committee on Finance:

Pages 7 and 8 re Miles Travelled; pages 9, 10 and 11 re Expenses incurred.

To the Committee on Judiciary:

Pages 12, 13 and 14 re Dispensations and Permissions granted; pages 15 and 16 re Questions and Decisions; pages 18, 19 and 20 re Proclamations issued; page 20a Registration of Amendments to By-laws; page 20b re Change of Name No. 3; History of Odd Fellowship page 20b, also any actions or decisions of the D.D.G.M's. involving questions of law; Supplementary Report, page 1 re Dispensations.

To the Committee on Appeals and Grievances:

Page 17, re Complaints and Appeals.

Fraternally submitted,

T. A. MUIR,
T. F. NEELANDS,
JAS. CROSSAN.

Report read from same Committee which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Distribution to whom was referred the Report of the Grand Secretary beg to recommend the reference of the different matters contained in the Report to the various Committees as follows:—

To the Committee on the State of the Order:

Page 1, paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, page 2 paragraphs 6, 7, 8 and 9; page 4, paragraph 14 and Statistical Abstract also page 14, and the Abstract of the Reports of the Lodges.

To the Committee on Judiciary:

Page 1, paragraphs 4 and 5.

To the Committee on Obituary:

Page 3, paragraph 10.

To the Committee on Finance:

Page 3, paragraphs 11 and 12; pages 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

To the Committee on Petitions:

Page 1, paragraph 1, that portion referring to the allotment of vacant number 13 to Wildey Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

T. A. MUIR,
T. F. NEELANDS,
JAS. CROSSAN.

Report read from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Laws of Subordinates beg to report that it has examined the following By-laws and amendments thereto of the Lodges of this Jurisdiction during the past year with result noted against each.

Vancouver Lodge, No. 8:—

New Code. Approved with some minor alterations needed to conform to the Constitution.

Trout Lake Lodge, No. 41:—

Approved complete set with some slight exceptions.

Enterprise Lodge, No. 43:—

Approved new Code with following exceptions. Quorum reduced from Seven to Five. Drew attention to the fact that no provision was made for payment of Sick Benefits to other than third degree

members and requested that this omission be rectified by amendment but this has not yet been complied with.

Key City Lodge, No. 42 :—

Submitted new By-laws which were defective in some matters, these were pointed out with a request that they be amended but no advice of this having been done have yet reached us.

Columbia Lodge, No. 2 :—

Amendment to Act XX, Section 1; reducing amount payable for Sick Benefits; article added dealing with the appointment and duties, etc. of lodge physician. Approved.

Harmony Lodge, No. 6 :—

Approved amendment to Section 1, Art. XX, reducing periods for which Sick Benefits, at certain rates, are payable to Third Degree members and fixing the minimum rate at \$3 per week after 33 weeks continuous sickness.

Cloverdale Lodge, No. 15 :—

Amendment changing night of meeting. Approved.

Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 19 :—

Approved following amendments. Amount payable for Sick Benefits (with slight alteration), Payment for Nurse, Duties of Visiting Committee, Payment of Funeral Benefit, Initiation Fees.

Duncan Lodge, No. 17 :—

Amendment regulating the hours sick members are to be out of doors, Fees for Initiation and Degrees. Approved.

Peerless Lodge, No. 33 :—

Amendment creating a Contingent Fund, altered wording to restrict receipts to 5 per cent of Dues only. Approved.

Rocky Mountain, No. 34 :—

Approved amendment relating to the deposit of Funds in some Chartered Bank.

Rosslund, No. 36 :—

Amendment increasing Fees for Degrees to \$5 for each Degree. Approved.

Slocan Lodge, No. 40.

Approved amendment respecting Initiation and Degree Fees.

Amendment leaving amount of Sick Benefits to be paid after 18

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months continuous sickness to the option of the Lodge. Not approved, being at variance with Sections 4 and 12 White's Digest and Constitution of Subordinate Lodges by which Lodges of this Jurisdiction are in no case to pay less than \$1 per week after twelve months sickness. Amendment submitted subsequently which conformed to the law and which was approved.

Deborah Rebekah Lodge, No. 13:—

Approved a new Code submitted with a few alterations.

P. W. DEMPSTER,
EDWARD BRAGG,
A. SHERET.

Committee.

The Grand Master submitted bills for type writing his report and for postage and stationery which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

It was on motion *Resolved*,—that the Grand Lodge do now adjourn to Eight o'clock this evening.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 8 o'clock, p. m. pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Officers and a quorum of Representatives being present.

All present were examined, reported qualified and the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

Bros. W. Dempster and J. Phillips, No. 2; A. J. Billingsly, No. 4; and H. Matheson, No. 8 were admitted and received the Grand Lodge Degree.

The hour fixed by the Constitution for the Election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year having arrived the Grand Master appointed J. E. Phillips, P.G.M., No. 3 and J. E. Phillips, P.G.M., No. 4, as Tellers.

It was moved by J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 3, seconded by Rep. T. F. Neclands, No. 8, and carried,—That brothers proposing and seconding candidates for election be permitted to address the Grand Lodge in connection with the nominations.

The following nominations were then made:

For Grand Master—W. E. Johnstone, No. 8, proposed by J. Crossan, P.G.M., No. 5, seconded by T. F. Neclands, No. 8.

For Deputy Grand Master—W. Hogg, No. 10, proposed by J. H. Meldram, P.G.M., No. 2 and seconded by H. Siddall, No. 33; W. Walker, No. 4, proposed by J. Pottinger, No. 2, and seconded by J. E. Phillips, P.G.M. No. 4.

For Grand Warden—A. Graham, No. 1, nominated by J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 4.

J. Newton, No. 20, proposed by R. May, No. 27 seconded by S. W. Edwards, No. 4.

For Grand Secretary—F. Davey, No. 1, nominated by F. Cockburn No. 26.

For Grand Treasurer—A. Graham, No. 1, nominated by J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 4.

S. W. Edwards, No. 4, nominated by J. Bell, No. 4.

G. T. Fox, No. 2, nominated by J. York, No. 1.

For Grand Representative—H. J. Raymer, P. G. M. No. 36, proposed by J. Palmer, No. 12, seconded by J. E. Phillips, P.G.M., No. 4.

W. H. Morton, P.G.M., No. 5, nominated by G. T. Fox, No. 2, and seconded by J. Crossan, P. G. M., No. 5.

T. C. Gray, P. G. M., nominated by S. W. Edwards, No. 4, and seconded by A. Parker, No. 8.

W. E. Johnstone, No. 8, being the only nominee for Grand Master it was moved, seconded and carried—That the Grand Secretary cast the ballot of this Grand Lodge for his election; which was accordingly done and Bro. Johnstone declared duly elected Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The ballot was spread for the election of Deputy Grand Master and the following result announced:

Number of votes cast 84. Necessary to elect, 43. W. Hogg, No. 10, received 51 votes. W. Walker, No. 4, received 30 votes, Spoiled 3.

W. Hogg, No. 10, having received a majority of the votes cast was declared duly elected Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The ballot was spread for Grand Warden with the following result:

Number of votes cast, 85. Necessary to elect 43. A. Graham, No. 1, received 43 votes. J. Newton, No. 20, received 38 votes, Blanks 3, Spoiled 1.

A. Graham, No. 1, having received a majority of the votes cast was declared duly elected Grand Warden for the ensuing year.

F. Davey, No. 1, being the only nominee as Grand Secretary was declared duly elected the vote of the Grand Lodge being cast in his favor by the Deputy Grand Master.

The ballot was spread for Grand Treasurer with the following result:

Number of votes cast 86. Necessary to choice, 44. S. W. Edwards, No. 4, received 37 votes. G. T. Fox, No. 2, received 46 votes, Blank 2.

G. T. Fox, No. 2, having received a majority of votes cast was declared duly elected Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The ballot was spread for Grand Representative and the following result announced:

Number of votes cast, 84. Necessary to elect, 43. H. J. Raymer, P.G.M., No. 36, received 36 votes. W. H. Morton, P.G.M., No. 5, received 23 votes. T. C. Gray, P.G.M., No. 10, received 23 votes, Blank 2.

No choice appearing and a tie existing between the two lowest candidates a fresh ballot was spread with the following result:

Number of votes cast, 80. Necessary for choice, 41. H. J. Raymer, P.G.M., No. 36, received 39 votes. W. H.

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Morton, P.G.M., No. 5, received 19 votes. T. C. Gray, P.G.M., No. 10, received 22.

There being still no choice a fresh ballot was spread the name of Bro. Morton, P.G.M. being dropped and the following result obtained:

Number of votes cast. 80. Necessary to choice, 41. H. J. Raymer, P.G.M., No. 36, received 48 votes. T. C. Gray, P.G.M., received 32 votes.

H. J. Raymer, P. G. M., No. 36, having received a majority of the votes cast was declared duly elected Grand Representative for two years.

It was on motion *Resolved*,—that this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday, 15th June, 1900.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 10 o'clock, a. m. this day, present the Grand Lodge Officers and a quorum of Representatives.

Those present were examined, reported duly qualified and the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

The minutes of preceding day's Session were read and adopted.

Reports were read from the majority and minority of the Committee on Petitions.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Petitions beg to report that we have examined the Petitions for the undermentioned Subordinate Lodges and find that the law has been complied with in each case and recommend that Charters be issued accordingly.

"Enterprise" Lodge, No. 43, located at Trail.

Willey Lodge, No. —, located at Moyie.

We would also recommend that the request of "Willey" Lodge to be allotted the vacant number Thirteen be complied with, and that the Grand Master be empowered in future to assign any vacant numbers to new Lodges when issuing Dispensations for their institution, so as to keep the roll of Lodges consecutive and complete as far as possible.

R. LIVINGSTONE,
R. DRAKE,
A. RUMBLE,
J. MALCOM.

Committee.

The minority of the Committee on Petitions recommend that the following be substituted for the last clause of the report of the majority of the Committee:

In regard to the application of Willey Lodge to be allotted the vacant Number 13, your Committee are of opinion it would not be wise to grant the request but that the number be the next consecutive one, viz: 44.

T. A. MUIR,
J. PALMER.

The Report of the Minority of the Committee was on motion adopted, 22 voting in the affirmative and 11 in the negative.

The Committee on Judiciary presented the following report which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred certain portions of the Grand Master's Report, beg leave to report as follows:

1st. Your Committee approve of the action of the Grand Master in the matter of Dispensations and Permissions granted as mentioned on pages 12, 13 and 14.

2nd. We also approve the action of the Grand Master on the matters contained on pages 15 and 16 with the exception of Question 2 page 15. Your Committee are of the opinion said question should have been answered No. See clauses 307 and 378 White's Digest.

3rd. Your Committee approve of the action of the Grand Master on all matters contained in the balance of the report.

4th. Your Committee find on perusing the reports of the D. D. G. M's some of them have granted Dispensations contrary to the provisions of the Constitution defining the duties of District Deputies. See Article 4, section 7.

The following are some which come under the notice of your Committee.

The District Deputy for No. 1 District issued a Dispensation to hold a Social Dance.

The Deputy for No. 6, a dispensation for an At Home.

Your Committee approve of the several decisions given by the several Deputies on points of law.

Your Committee approve of the action of the Grand Secretary on page 1 paragraph 4, re change of name from New Westminster Lodge, No. 3 to Royal City Lodge, No. 3.

Your Committee also approve of the action of the Grand Secre-

uary, re the Registration of Amendments to By-laws, page 1, paragraph 5.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES STARK,
D. E. MACKENZIE,
J. ED. PHILLIPS,
H. J. RAYMER,
E. P. DENNIS,
GEO. WAITE.

The Committee on Obituary presented the following report which was on motion adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS. — Your Special Committee on Obituary beg to recommend the insertion, in the Proceedings of the pending Session of this Grand Body, of the accompanying list of the Deaths which have occurred in the Jurisdiction, during the year * ended 31st December, 1939.

Fraternally submitted,

H. J. RICKARD,
JOS. E. PHILLIPS,
HINKSON SIDDALL,
JAS. McMULLIN.

Representative Arthur, No. 16, gave notice that this afternoon he would move—that the next Annual Session of this Grand Lodge be held at Nelson,

Representative H. J. Raymer, P.G.M., No. 36, gave notice that he would move at the same time that the Session be held at Rossland.

Representative Rivers, No. 5, gave notice that he would move at the same time that the Session be held at Nanaimo.

* For List see Appendix.

It was moved by Representative T. F. Neelands, No. 8, and seconded by Representative H. J. Rickard, No. 26.

That Section 2, Article 4 of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges be amended as follows. Strike out the word "Ten" in line seven, and insert the word "Eight" in lieu. Strike out the words "Seven dollars and fifty cents" in line ten, and insert the word "Six" in lieu. Strike out the word "Five" in line thirteen, and insert the word "Four" in lieu thereof.

The Ayes and Nays having been called for by the requisite number of Representatives they were recorded as follows:

Ayes—Welsh, Johnstone, Davey, Stark, Phillips, No. 3, Graham, Peers, Newton, Fooks, York, Mackenzie, Muir, Smith, Knight, Neelands, Palmer, Collishaw, Arthur, Crowell, Thorpe, Sherman, Churchill, Moore, Brown, Cockburn, Rickard, May, Webber, Calvert, Bryant, Warren, C. L. McDonald, French, Raymer, Smailes, Waite, Gray, Carne—38.

Nays—Hogg, Dempster, Rumble, Fox, Pottinger, Bell, Drake, Bragg, Crossan, Rivers, McMullin, Dunsmuir, Marshall, Law, Parker, O'Dwyer, Denuis, L. C. McDonald, Middlemiss, Malcom, Burr, Livingstone, Siddall, Hauck, Ryan, Phillips, No. 4—26.

Not having secured the necessary two-thirds vote the motion was declared lost.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned to two o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 2 o'clock pursuant to adjournment. The Grand Lodge officers and a quorum of Representatives present who were examined and reported qualified to sit.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

The following question was submitted by Representative Rickard, No. 26, which was on motion referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

When a member of this Grand Body runs on more than one occasion for Grand Representative knowing himself to be ineligible what is the proper course to take to prevent this reprehensible practice.

Representative Cockburn, No. 26, brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge the case of Bro. Ross. vs. Selkirk Lodge, No. 12, which had not yet been settled and stated that the brother was in waiting in the Ante Room and wished to get the decision of this Grand Lodge. It was moved and seconded "That the Committee on Appeals be requested to take up the case and if practicable to dispose of the matter at this Session.

It was moved as an amendment and duly seconded—"That the question be referred to the Committee on Appeals for next year.

The Grand Master ruled both Resolution and Amendment out of Order on the ground that the appeal was not before the Grand Lodge in proper form.

Bro. F. H. Glass, P. G. M., of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was announced in waiting and desirous of visiting the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master appointed T. C. Gray, P. G. M., and J. Crossan, P. G. M., to retire and introduce the brother which was done and Bro. Glass cordially welcomed to a seat in the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Judiciary presented the following report which was adopted:

Report of the Committee on Judiciary, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Judiciary, having had under consideration clause 6 page 45 of the Grand Master's report beg leave to report that after careful consideration of the subject we are of the opinion that the answer of the Grand Master should have been "yes."

Ques.—Can the Lodge pay for nursing a Brother who is in arrears and non-contributing to benefits? To which the Grand Master answered No.

With reference to the question of Representative Rickard of No. 26 your Committee know of no way to prevent the reprehensible practice of smoking and beg leave to be excused from further consideration of this subject.

Externally submitted

JAMES STARR,
D. E. MACKENZIE,
J. F. PHILLIPS,
E. P. DENNIS,
GEO. WAITE,
H. J. RAYMER.

The Committee on Appeals presented the following report which was adopted:

Report of the Committee on Appeals, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances have reviewed the Grand Master's decision in the matter of the appeal of Bro. John

Flett of Western Star Lodge, No. 10, against the action of his Lodge in refusing certain benefits and as the brother has not appealed against the decision given, the action of the Grand Master is sustained.

In the matter of the appeal through a solicitor on behalf of the relatives of the late Brother Johnson of Vernon Valley Lodge, No. 18 the Grand Master gave his decision in favor of the appellant, this was appealed against by Vernon Valley Lodge. All papers in the case were referred to the Committee on Appeals who after thorough investigation reported sustaining the decision of the Grand Master, this report was yesterday adopted by this Grand Lodge, thereby disposing of the case.

In the matter of request from Bro. J. B. King, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ontario to appeal to this Jurisdiction for assistance re Ottawa-Hull Bro, this Committee endorses the action taken thereon by the Grand Master.

FRED. COCKBURN,
PAUL HAECK,
S. CHURCHILL,
W. H. THORPE,
E. C. ARTHUR.

Moved by Representative Bragg, No. 4, seconded by Representative Bell, No. 4, and carried.

That whereas it has been deemed in the best interest of the Order that in this Jurisdiction, the age limit should be reduced from twenty-one years to eighteen years in the case of applicants for admission to the Order, and as this question has been laid on the table by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, to be dealt with at its next Session.

Resolved, That our Grand Representatives be hereby instructed to work and vote for its adoption.

Moved by Representative James Pottinger, No. 2, seconded by Representative Geo. T. Fox, No. 2.

That it be an instruction to the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem to consider the length of time the Representative from Union Lodge, No. 11, has to be away from home, the circuitous route travelled, and the consequent extra expense, while attending this Grand Lodge, and the advisability of granting him an additional amount for expenses.- Carried.

Moved by Representative E. C. Arthur, No. 16.

seconded by Representative Jas. Crossan, No. 5, and Resolved.

That a special committee consisting of Bros. J. E. Phillips, P.G.M. No. 3, P. W. Dempster, G.R., and H. J. Raymer, P.G. M., G. R., be appointed to draft, print and issue a circular letter to the Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge asking their support to the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge reducing the age at which persons may be admitted into the Order from 21 to 18 years of age.

Representative Hauck of No. 40, presented the following which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Slocan Lodge, No. 40, I. O. O. F., requests of the Grand Lodge of B. C. the furnishing of printed copies of the Subordinate Lodge Constitution to the Subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction in suitable form to be attached to the By-laws of said Lodges.

It was moved by Representative Arthur, No. 16, and seconded by Representative Cockburn, No. 26, That the next annual Session of this Grand Lodge be held at Nelson.

It was moved as an amendment by Representative Raymer, P.G.M., No. 36, and seconded by Representative Bragg, No. 4, That the word "Nelson" be struck out and the word "Rossland" inserted in lieu.

Moved by J. E. Phillips, P.G.M., No. 4, and seconded by Representative York, No. 1, That the question of deciding the place of meeting of the next Annual Session lay over until to-morrow morning and that the Finance Committee be instructed to report then the cost of meeting at Nelson or Rossland.—Carried.

The following Report was submitted by the Committee on Legislation which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.

We your Committee on Legislation beg leave to recommend the following:—That in order to expedite matters, in future all reports of Grand Lodge Officers be printed in leaflet form of the same size as proceedings, and that the same type be retained and used for printing the proceedings thereby reducing cost of said reports.

In order to give the Grand Lodge Officers sufficient time in which to prepare their reports and have them printed, we would further recommend that the books of the Grand Lodge be closed fourteen (14) days previous to the opening of the Grand Lodge and that Subordinate Lodges and D.D.G.M's. be notified of same with a request that their reports be placed in the hands of the proper Grand Lodge Officers in time for them to have their reports ready for the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. C. GRAY,
WALLACE LAW,
E. L. WEBBER,
HINKSON SIDDALL,
JAMES CROSSAN,
J. YORK.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Finance beg to recommend the payment of the following accounts.

Type writing Grand Master's Report	\$ 13 00
Grand Master for telegrams, stamps and printing. . . .	17 00
Independent Odd Fellow's Lodge Card for one year	10 00
	\$ 40 00

GEORGE T. FOX,
ROBERT RIVERS,
THEO. BRYANT,
THOS. TAYLOR,
JAMES POTTINGER,
ALLAN GRAHAM.

Moved by Representative Arthur, No. 16, and seconded by Representative Brown, No. 26, That a Special Commit-

tee be appointed to draft a form of Medical Certificate to be used in all cases of claims for Sick Benefits and also a Medical form of Certificate of Health to be used for all Candidates for admission by Initiation, and submit same at this Session—on being submitted to the vote the motion was lost—11 votes being cast in its favor and 18 against.

The following notice of motion was submitted:—

We hereby give notice that at to-morrow's Session of this Grand Body we will move to amend By-law No. 1, of this Grand Lodge as follows, Strike out all the words after the word "and" in line four to the word "when" in line seven.

D. E. MACKENZIE,
T. A. MUIR,

The Committee on the State of the Order presented the following Report which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on the State of the Order beg leave to report as follows.

We have read and duly considered the several clauses referred to us of the Grand Secretary's report and are pleased to note a further increase of Subordinate Lodges, namely, Enterprise Lodge, No. 43, at Trail and Wilkey Lodge at Moyie and the probability that in the near future other lodges will be instituted in this section of the Province. We are also pleased to note an increase of 215 members during the year.

The issue of a circular to the Subordinate Lodges of this Jurisdiction in connection with the item which appeared in The Province newspaper of Vancouver connecting our representatives with a disreputable street fight in that city, is fully endorsed by this Committee.

With reference to the decision of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to provide a Jewel for D. D. G. M's to be worn by them whilst holding that office, your Committee consider this to be an unnecessary expense, and are of the opinion the money can be used to better purpose, we would therefore recommend that no steps be taken to procure these Jewels for this Jurisdiction.

With respect to Clause 8, referring to Bi-Annual Sessions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and also to a reduction in the number of Representatives to that Grand Body, your Committee look with favor on this proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and would recommend the Grand Representatives be instructed to give this matter their due consideration.

Clause 9, regarding communication from Bro. J. R. Harwell; Grand Secretary, Tennessee, enclosing leaflet written by him entitled "Odd Fellowship, What Is It," your Committee consider the suggestion of the Grand Secretary a good one and would therefore recommend 3,000 copies be printed after the requisite alterations have been made to render it suitable to this Province and that they be distributed to the several Subordinate Lodges for circulation.

Clause 14, dealing with the Statistics of the Order your Committee are pleased to note a steady increase in all branches of the Order.

Clauses 17, 18 and 19 containing remarks of the Grand Secretary showing the prosperity of the Order in this jurisdiction are fully concurred in by your Committee.

Fraternally submitted,

T. F. NEELANDS,
A. PARKER,
C. A. WARREN,
C. L. McDONALD,
JAMES BELL,
T. KNIGHT,

Committee.

Moved by Representative Bragg, No. 4, seconded by Representative A. Graham, No. 1:—

That, whereas the work in preparing the report of the Special Committee on a uniform system of Dues and Benefits, which has been dealt with by this Grand Lodge, entailed a good deal of time and careful consideration.

Resolved: That the thanks of this Grand Body be hereby tendered to the members of said Special Committee as a token of the appreciation of their labors. Carried.

The Grand Warden retired to the Ante-Room and

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conferred the Grand Lodge Degree on Bro. C. W. Jenken-
son, No. 2.

It was moved, seconded and carried that this Grand
Lodge do now adjourn to 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

THIRD DAY.

16 June, 1900.

The Grand Lodge assembled at 10 o'clock a. m. pur-
suant to adjournment.

Present:—The Grand Lodge Officers and a quorum
of Representatives.

All present were examined and reported duly qualified.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

The Grand Treasurer was excused from further at-
tendance this Session.

The minutes of yesterday's Session were read and
adopted.

The Grand Warden retired to the Ante-Room and conferred the Grand Lodge Degree on Bro. J. Newbigging No. 4.

The following Report was submitted by the Committee on the State of the Order and was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on the State of the Order to whom was referred the request of "Slocan" Lodge No. 40 that this Grand Lodge furnish printed copies of the Subordinate Lodge Constitution to the Lodges beg leave to report that if this practice is adopted it will entail considerable expense to this Grand Body, and we are of the opinion that the matter should be left in the hands of the Subordinate Lodges; we would therefore recommend that the request be not granted.

T. F. NEELANDS,
A. PARKER,
C. A. WARREN,
C. L. McDONALD,
T. KNIGHT,
JAS. BELL.

The Grand Secretary submitted the amendments to the Rules of the Odd Fellows' Insurance Association of B. C. which were adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Association held last evening, and it was on motion Resolved that the amendments submitted be approved by this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following Annual Report of the Odd Fellows' Insurance Association of B. C. It was moved, seconded and carried that the report be received and printed in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

VICTORIA, B. C., June 14th, 1900.

To the Officers and Members of the Odd Fellows' Insurance Association of British Columbia.

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS:—I beg to submit a report of the finances of this Association for the past year.

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ENDOWMENT FUND.

Receipts.

Balance on hand per last Report.....	\$ 820 22
Received for Assessments.....	2441 52
" Interest—Dominion Government Savings Bank..	80
	\$3262 63

Expenditure.

Paid Insurance on death of Bro. J. L. Work.....	\$1000 00
" " " " J. Wilson.....	1000 00
" " " " D. Ferguson.....	1000 00
Balance	262 63
	\$3262 63

MANAGEMENT FUND.

Receipts.

Balance from last Report	\$150 30
Received for Dues.....	174 05
	\$324 35

Expenditure.

Paid Agent's Commissions	\$ 71 57
" Secretary's Salary	100 00
" " Postage and Sundries.....	13 95
" " Bond	10 00
" Printing	50 60
Balance.....	78 23
	\$324 35

SUMMARY.

<i>Balances.</i>		<i>How Invested.</i>	
Endowment Fund	\$262 63	Dominion Government	
Management Fund	78 23	Savings Bank.....	\$ 76 53
		Bank of British Colum-	
		bia.....	158 90
		Secretary-Treasurer's	
		hands.....	105 43
	\$ 340 86		\$ 340 86

Fraternally submitted,

FRED DAVEY,

Secretary-Treasurer.

A communication was read from the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of Canada asking permission to canvass for members in this Jurisdiction. It was moved by Representative J. Crossan, P.G.M., No. 5, and seconded by Representative York, No. 1, that the communication be received and filed.

Moved as an amendment by Representative Parker, No. 8, and seconded by W. Hogg, G.W., that the communication be received and the request granted, provided the requisite fee required by law is paid. The amendment was submitted to the vote and declared carried, 24 voting for and 22 against. The Ayes and Nays were called for and taken as follows:

Ayes—Welsh, Johnstone, Hogg, Phillips, No. 3, Dempster, Pottinger, Mackenzie, Bell, Knight, Neelands, Mitchell, Law, Parker, O'Dwyer, Dennis, L. C. McDonald, Crowell, Middlemiss, Sherman, Burr, Churchill, Brown, May, Webber, Calvert, Bryant, Warren, C. L. McDonald, French, Raymer, Taylor, Gray, Ryan.—33.

Nays—Davey, Graham, Peers, Newton, Fooks, York, Rumble, Fox, Muir, Smith, Drake, Crossan, Rivers, McMullin, Dunsmuir, Palmer, Collishaw, Arthur, Thorpe, Moore, Cockburn, Livingstone, Siddall, Smailes, Waite, Hauck, Carne.—27.

The following report was submitted by the Committee on Finance, and ordered to be received and laid on the table.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Finance beg to report the estimated expense of holding the next Session at Nelson is compiled from figures supplied by the C. P. Ry. Agent in this City is as follows:



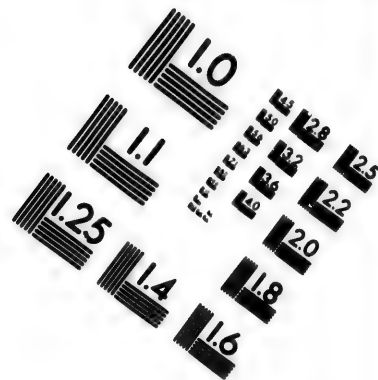
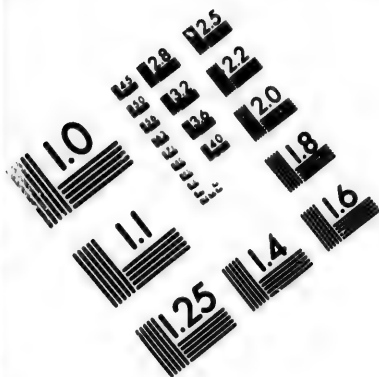
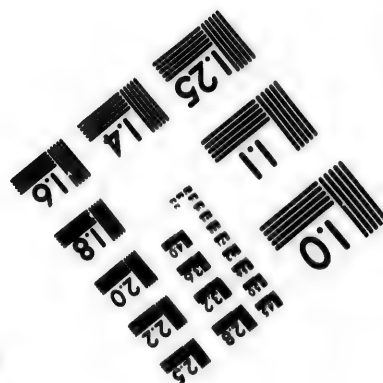
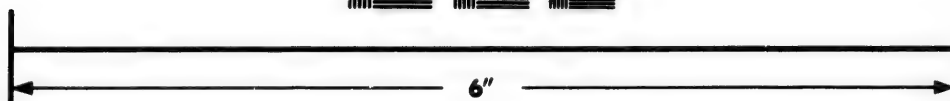
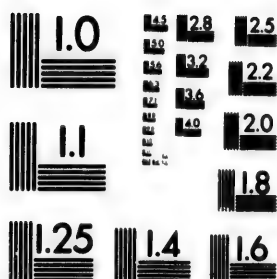


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Travelling Expenses, 56 Representatives, 12 Grand Officers,	
total, 68.....	\$2040 00
Per Diem for 68 Members, at \$2.00 per day.....	408 00
	\$2448 00

GEORGE T. FOX,
ROBERT RIVERS,
THEO. BRYANT,
JAMES POTTINGER,
THOMAS TAYLOR,
A. GRAHAM.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned until 2
o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge convened at 2.30 P.M. The Grand
Lodge Officers and a quorum of Representatives present.

All present were examined and reported duly qualified
and the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The Roll of Officers and Representatives was called.

The Committee on the State of the Order presented
the following Report which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., of British Columbia.

Your Committee on State of the Order, wish to commend the
Grand Master for the attention he has given to the duties of his

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office during the past year, he having visited every Lodge in the Jurisdiction, thereby setting an example to those who will follow him in that office.

We also wish to recommend that the suggestion of the Grand Master that a form be prepared by the Grand Secretary for the various D. D. G. M's to report on, be adopted.

We are pleased to note that the prospects for an increase in the number of Lodges in the Interior are good, and hope that with the prosperity that now prevails throughout the Jurisdiction, the prospects will be still brighter when we again meet in session.

We heartily endorse the statement made by the Grand Master in reference to the work done by the Grand Secretary, and we consider that this Grand Lodge is to be congratulated on having such an efficient Grand Secretary as Bro. Davey.

The condition of the Order on this Continent was never higher than to-day, and we think that the members of this Grand Lodge may be proud of their standing in this Jurisdiction, and of the privileges they enjoy as members of this Grand Order.

Faternally submitted,

T. F. NEELANDS,
A. PARKER,
C. L. McDONALD,
C. A. WARREN,
JAS. BELL,
T. KNIGHT,

Committee.

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem presented the following Report, which was adopted.

Your Committee to whom was entrusted the motion relating to the Representative from Union Lodge No. 11, recommend the payment of five extra days, namely, ten dollars to this brother.

RALPH SMAILES,
D. M. O'DWYER,
H. L. CALVERT,
G. H. MIDDLEMISS,
W. S. SMITH.

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem presented the following report, which was adopted

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem beg to report that we have examined the Certificates of Officers and Representatives in attendance at this Session and find them entitled to the amounts stated against their respective names:

NAMES.	No. of Lodge.	Location.	No. of Days.	Per Diem.	Miles Travel'd	Mileage.	Total.
<i>Officers.</i>							
D. Welsh, G. M.	3	New West'r.	3	\$ 6 00	100	\$ 10 90	\$ 16 90
W. E. Johnstone, D. G. M.	8	Vancouver..	3	6 00	84	8 40	14 40
W. Hogg, G. W.	10	do	3	6 00	84	8 40	14 40
F. Davey, G. S.	1	Victoria	3	6 00	...	...	3 00
J. Stark, G. T.	26	Vancouver..	2	4 00	84	8 40	12 40
J. E. Phillips, P. G. M. G. R.	3	New West'r.	3	6 00	109	10 90	16 90
P. W. Dempster, G. R.	2	Victoria	3	6 00	...	...	6 00
A. Graham, G. Mar.	1	do	3	6 00	...	...	6 00
J. Peers, G. G.	7	Chilliwack ..	3	6 00	146	14 60	20 60
J. Newton, G. C.	20	Nanaimo	3	6 00	73	7 30	13 30
H. Fooks, G. H.	28	Agassiz	2	4 00	155	15 50	19 50
<i>Representatives.</i>							
J. York	1	Victoria	3	6 00	...	...	6 00
A. Rumble	1	do	3	6 00	...	...	6 00
G. T. Fox	2	do	3	6 00	...	...	6 00
J. Pottinger	2	do	3	6 00	...	...	6 00
D. E. Mackenzie	3	New West'r.	3	6 00	109	10 90	16 90
T. A. Muir	3	do	3	6 00	109	10 90	16 90
W. S. Smith	3	do	3	6 00	109	10 90	16 90
J. Bell	4	Victoria	3	6 00	...	...	6 00
R. Drake	4	do	3	6 00	...	...	6 00
E. Bragg	4	do	3	6 00	...	...	6 00
J. Crossan, P. G. M.	5	Nanaimo	3	6 00	73	7 30	13 30
R. Rivers	5	do	3	6 00	73	7 30	13 30
J. McMullin	6	Wellington..	3	6 00	78	7 80	13 80
M. Dunsmuir	6	do	3	6 00	78	7 80	13 80
T. Knight	7	Chilliwack ..	3	6 00	146	14 60	20 60
T. F. Neelands	8	Vancouver..	3	6 00	84	8 40	14 40
A. Mitchell	8	do	3	6 00	84	8 40	14 40
T. E. Marshall	9	Kamloops ..	3	6 00	335	33 50	39 50
W. Law	10	Vancouver..	3	6 00	84	8 40	14 40
A. Parker	10	do	3	6 00	84	8 40	14 40
D. M. O'Dwyer	10	do	3	6 00	84	8 40	14 40
E. P. Dennis	10	do	3	6 00	84	8 40	14 40
L. C. McDonald	11	Union	8	16 00	138	13 80	29 80
J. Palmer	12	Revelstoke..	3	6 00	463	46 30	52 30
R. B. Collishaw	15	Cloverdale ..	3	6 00	112	11 20	17 20

NAME.	No. of Lodge.	Location.	No. of Days.	Per Diem.	Miles Travel'd	Mileage.	Total.
E. C. Arthur.....	16	Nelson.....	3	\$ 6 00	643	\$ 64 30	\$ 70 30
T. Crowell.....	18	Vernon.....	3	6 00	465	46 50	52 50
G. H. Middlemiss.....	19	Mt. Pleasant.....	3	6 00	84	8 40	14 40
W. H. Thorpe.....	20	Nanaimo.....	3	6 00	73	7 30	13 30
T. Sherman.....	21	Ladner.....	3	6 00	60	6 00	12 00
J. Malcom.....	22	North Bend.....	3	6 00	214	21 40	27 40
J. W. Burr.....	23	Asinicroft.....	2	4 00	288	28 80	32 80
S. Churchill.....	24	Eburne.....	3	6 00	90	9 00	15 00
P. J. Moore.....	25	Revelstoke.....	3	6 00	463	46 30	52 30
T. S. Brown.....	26	Vancouver.....	3	6 00	84	8 40	14 40
F. Cockburn.....	26	do.....	3	6 00	84	8 40	14 40
H. J. Rickard.....	26	do.....	2	4 00	84	8 40	12 40
R. May.....	27	New West'r.....	3	6 00	109	10 90	16 90
E. L. Webber.....	27	do.....	3	6 00	100	10 00	16 90
H. L. Calvert.....	28	Agassiz.....	3	6 00	155	15 50	21 50
Theo. Bryant.....	31	Wellington.....	3	6 00	78	7 80	13 80
R. Livingstone.....	33	Victoria.....	3	6 00	.....	.....	6 00
H. Siddall.....	33	do.....	3	6 00	.....	.....	6 00
C. A. Warren.....	34	Golden.....	3	6 00	559	55 90	61 90
C. L. McDonald.....	35	Cedar Distr't.....	3	6 00	78	7 80	13 80
F. E. French.....	36	Rossland.....	3	6 00	645	64 50	70 50
H. J. Raymer, P. G. M.	37	do.....	3	6 00	645	64 50	70 50
R. Smailes.....	38	Greenwood.....	3	6 00	703	70 30	76 30
Geo. Waite.....	39	Sandon.....	3	6 00	507	50 70	62 70
P. Hauck.....	40	Slocan City.....	3	6 00	580	58 00	64 00
T. Taylor.....	41	Trout Lake.....	3	6 00	504	50 40	56 40
T. C. Gray, P. G. M.	42	Cranbrook.....	3	6 00	559	55 90	61 90
P. Ryan.....	43	Trail.....	3	6 00	638	63 80	69 80
Total.....				\$386 00		\$1173 20	\$1559 20

RALPH SMAILES,
D. M. O'DWYER,
H. L. CALVERT,
G. H. MIDDLEMISS,
W. S. SMITH,

Committee.

The consideration of the place of meeting of the next Annual Session, deferred from yesterday, was resumed.

Moved by Representative Rivers, No. 5, and seconded

by Representative Thorpe, No. 20, that the next Session of this Grand Lodge be held at Nanaimo.

It was on Motion Resolved that the vote for the selection of the place of meeting next year be taken by ballot.

Representative Arthur, No. 16, withdrew his motion that the next Session be held at Nelson.

The Grand Master appointed Representative Gray, P. G. M., No. 42, and J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., to act as Tellers.

The Ballot was spread and the following result announced. Number of votes cast, 65.

Rossland received 36 votes.

Nanaimo received 29 votes.

J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 4, asked that the Ayes and Nays be taken. The Grand Master ruled that the vote having been taken by secret ballot by direction of the Grand Lodge the decision must stand.

Bro. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 4, appealed from the ruling of the Chair, which was, however, sustained by a standing vote.

Representative Mackenzie, No. 3, moved the amendment to By-law No. 1 of the Grand Lodge, of which notice was given yesterday, which was seconded by Representative T. A. Muir, No. 3, but was declared lost on being submitted to the vote.

Moved by Representative Middlemiss, No. 19, seconded by Representative Calvert, No. 28, and carried.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge should be empowered to receive dues and pay benefits to any members of defunct Lodges, failing to gain admission into some Lodge of this Jurisdiction, and that a Committee be appointed to report to the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, as to the necessary steps to be taken to give effect to this resolution.

The Chair appointed Representatives Middlemiss, No. 19, Calvert, No. 28, and Siddall, No. 33, to form the Special Committee.

It was on motion *Resolved*—that the Installation of Grand Lodge Officers this evening be held in the Third Degree.

Moved by Representative Raymer, P. G. M., No. 36, and seconded by Representative Arthur, No. 16, and carried—that the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby extended to the Mayor of the City, Bro. C. Hayward, P. G., for his hearty address of welcome to the Officers and Representatives prior to the opening of the Grand Lodge, and for the kindness and courtesy in taking them for a very pleasant drive around the City.

Representative Fox, No. 2, introduced the subject of the Grand Lodge furnishing Guarantee Bonds for the Officers of Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction. It was moved, seconded and carried, that the question be laid on the table for future consideration.

It was on motion *Resolved*—that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to Representative Pottinger, No. 2, for his services in furnishing the press with full and accurate reports of the proceedings of this Session.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 7.30 o'clock this evening.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

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EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 8 P. M.

The Grand Lodge Officers and a quorum of Representatives present.

All present were examined and reported duly qualified and the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

On motion, the calling of the Roll was dispensed with.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that a vote of thanks be accorded to "Peerless" Lodge, No. 33, for the use of the Hall this evening, it being their night of meeting.

The Grand Warden retired to the Ante-Room and conferred the Grand Lodge Degree on Bro. W. Merrifield, P. G., No. 4.

The Grand Lodge was closed in the Grand Lodge Degree, and opened in the Third Degree.

The Third Degree members in waiting having been admitted, the ceremony of Installation was proceeded with.

The Grand Master appointed J. Crossan, P. G. M., No. 5, and J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 3, to present the

Officers elect. Bro. W. E. Johnstone, No. 8, was presented, duly obligated and installed as Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The Grand Master then installed the following in their respective chairs:

W. Hogg, No. 10	Deputy Grand Master.
A. Graham, No. 1	Grand Warden.
F. Davey, No. 1	" Secretary.
G. T. Fox, No. 2	" Treasurer.

The Grand Master made the following appointments to fill the Subordinate Offices, who were regularly installed:

R. May, No. 27.	Grand Marshal.
J. Palmer, No. 12	" Conductor.
E. C. Arthur, M. D., No. 16	" Chaplain.
A. Parker, No. 8	" Guardian.
J. Newton, No. 20	" Herald.

The Grand Master appointed the following as District Deputy Grand Masters, for the ensuing year:

J. Pottinger, No. 2, for District No. 1, comprising Lodges Nos. 1, 2, 4, 33.

D. McPherson, No. 27, for District No. 2, comprising Lodges Nos. 3, 27.

Geo. A. Thompson, No. 5, for District No. 3, comprising Lodges Nos. 5, 20, 35.

Jas. Glen, No. 6, for District No. 4, comprising Lodges Nos. 6, 31.

T. Knight, No. 7, for District No. 5, comprising Lodge No. 7.

G. L. Center, No. 27, for District No. 6, comprising Lodges Nos. 8, 10, 19, 20.

W. J. Kerr, No. 9, for District No. 7, comprising Lodge No. 9.

R. Cessford, No. 11, for District No. 8, comprising Lodge No. 11.

J. A. Stone, No. 12, for District No. 9, comprising Lodges Nos. 12, 25.

R. B. Collishaw, No. 15, for District No. 10, comprising Lodge No. 15.

A. H. Clements, No. 16, for District No. 11, comprising Lodge No. 16.

S. W. Hagan, No. 17, for District No. 12, comprising Lodge No. 17.

S. C. Smith, No. 18, for District No. 13, comprising Lodge No. 18.

T. Hume, No. 21, for District No. 14, comprising Lodge No. 21.

P. Wade, No. 22, for District No. 15, comprising Lodge No. 22.

J. B. Bryson, No. 23, for District No. 16, comprising Lodge No. 23.

S. Churchill, No. 24, for District No. 17, comprising Lodge No. 24.

H. L. Calvert, No. 28, for District No. 18, comprising Lodge No. 28.

C. A. Warren, No. 34, for District No. 19, comprising Lodge No. 34.

F. French, No. 36, for District No. 20, comprising Lodge No. 36.

W. M. Clark, No. 37, for District No. 21, comprising Lodge No. 37.

W. Law, No. 38, for District No. 22, comprising Lodge No. 38.

Geo. Waite, No. 39, for District No. 23, comprising Lodge No. 39.

P. Hauck, No. 40, for District No. 24, comprising Lodge No. 40.

J. R. Hauer, No. 41, for District No. 25, comprising Lodge No. 41.

R. E. Beattie, No. 42, for District No. 26, comprising Lodge No. 42.

P. Ryan, No. 43, for District No. 27, comprising Lodge No. 43.

E. S. Pollard, No. 44, for District No. 28, comprising Lodge No. 44.

REBEKAH LODGES.

Sister M. Phillips, No. 1, for District No. 1, comprising Lodge No. 1.

Sister W. H. Walsh, No. 2, for District No. 2 comprising Lodge No. 2.

Sister M. Anderson, No. 3, for District No. 3, comprising Lodge No. 3.

Sister M. F. Insley, No. 5, for District No. 4, comprising Lodge No. 5.

Sister M. O'Dell, No. 9, for District No. 5, comprising Lodge No. 9.

Sister Davie, No. 10, for District No. 6, comprising Lodge No. 10.

Sister N. Martin, No. 13, for District No. 7, comprising Lodge No. 13.

Also the following to form the Standing Committees:

FINANCE.—J. Pottinger, No. 2; A. Rumble, No. 1; R. Livingstone, No. 33; R. Drake, No. 4; T. Knight, No. 7; J. Newton, No. 20.

APPEALS.—T. A. Muir, No. 3; E. L. Webber, No. 27; D. E. Mackenzie, No. 3; T. F. Neelands, No. 8; D. M. O'Dwyer, No. 10; Wallace Law, No. 10.

LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.—E. Bragg, No. 4; J. York, No. 1; J. A. Bell, No. 4; R. Rivers, No. 5; M. Dunsmuir, No. 6; H. L. Calvert, No. 28.

PETITIONS.—F. Cockburn, No. 26; A. Mitchell, No. 8. G. Middlemiss, No. 19; S. Churchill, No. 24; P. I. Moore, No. 25; T. S. Brown, No. 26.

STATE OF THE ORDER.—H. J. Rickard, No. 26; W. S. Smith, No. 3; T. E. Marshall, No. 9; E. P. Dennis, No. 10; R. B. Collishaw, No. 15; A. C. Aitken, No. 17.

LEGISLATION.—T. Taylor, No. 41; H. J. Raymer, P.G.M., No. 36; W. H. Thorpe, No. 20; R. Smailes, No. 38; P. Hauck, No. 40; J. E. Phillips, P. G. M., No. 4.

JUDICIARY.—J. Stark, No. 26; R. May, No. 27; F. E. French, No. 36; T. Bryant, No. 31; W. M. Clark, No. 37; P. W. Dempster, No. 4.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.—T. C. Gray, P.G.M., No. 10; J. Palmer, No. 12; J. E. Phillips, P.G.M., No. 3; E. C. Arthur, M. D., No. 16; J. McMullin, No. 6; G. Waite, No. 39.

PRINTING.—Grand Secretary, T. Crowell, No. 18; H. Siddall, No. 33; A. Parker, No. 10; J. Crossan, P.G.M., No. 5; C. L. McDonald, No. 35.

The Third Degree members having retired, the Grand Lodge was again opened in the Grand Lodge Degree.

It was moved, seconded and carried, That the appointments of the Grand Master be confirmed.

It was on motion *Resolved*—That a hearty vote of thanks be extended to the Lodges in this city for the use of the Hall and the many courtesies received by the members of this Grand Lodge during the present Session.

It was on motion *Resolved*—That the thanks of this Grand Body are due and are hereby accorded to the Grand Master and the other Grand Officers for the efficient manner in which the business of the Grand Lodge has been conducted during the past year.

Report read from the Committee on Finance.

Moved by J. E. Phillips, P.G.M., No. 3, and seconded by Representative Calvert, No. 28, and carried—That the Resolution of this day's Session to hold the next Session of this Grand Lodge at Rossland be reconsidered.

Moved by Representative Rivers, No. 5, and seconded by Representative Thorpe, No. 20, and carried—That the next Annual Session of this Grand Lodge be held at Nanaimo.

It was on motion *Resolved*—That the Report of the Committee on Finance be referred back to the Committee for amendment.

It was moved, seconded and carried—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Representatives of Rossland Lodge, No. 36, for the magnanimous spirit displayed in voluntarily withdrawing the city of Rossland from nomination when it was found that the holding of the meeting there would be attended with considerable additional expense.

The following report was presented by the Committee on Finance and adopted.

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Finance beg to report that we have examined the books, vouchers, etc. of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and find them correct and well kept.

The following is an estimate of Revenue and Expenditure for the following year. Owing to the expense attending this meeting of the Grand Lodge, your Committee recommend that the grants to the Odd Fellows' Home Fund and the Ancient Odd Fellows' Fund be omitted this year.

Revenue.

Cash Balance in hands of Treasurer, June 15th, 1900.....	\$1811 00
Per Capita Tax, 3000 members @ 90 cents	2754 00
	\$4565 00

Expenditure.

Grand Secretary's salary.....	\$ 600 00
Grand Master's expenses.....	250 00
Sovereign Grand Lodge Representative Tax	150 00
Rent Grand Secretary's office.....	100 00
Printing.....	200 00
Premium on Bonds	25 00
Postage, Grand Secretary.....	30 00
Postage, Grand Master.....	15 00
Caretaker, Grand Secretary's office	20 00
Grand Lodge Card.....	10 00
Janitor and Light this Session.....	10 00
Mileage and Per Diem this Session.....	1559 20
Printing Grand Master's Report.....	12 00
	\$2981 20
Balance.....	\$1584 70

GEORGE T. FOX,
ROBERT RIVERS,
JAMES POTTINGER,
THEO. BRYANT,
A. GRAHAM.

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It was moved, seconded and carried—That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn *sine die*.

The Grand Lodge adjourned accordingly.

Fred. Gavey

Grand Secretary.



In Memoriam.

JOHN WEILER, P. G. M.

A CHARTER MEMBER OF VICTORIA LODGE, NO. 1.
GRAND MASTER G. L. OF B. C., 1875.

W. H. FLEWIN, P. G.

VICTORIA LODGE, NO. 1.

C. MAYNARD, P. G.

COLUMBIA LODGE, NO. 2.

J. CAMPBELL, P. G.

ROYAL CITY LODGE, NO. 3.

J. HODSON, P. G.

ROOTENAY LODGE, NO. 10.

J. D. DEVLIN, P. G.

CENTENNIAL LODGE, NO. 20.

I. J. HINGLEY, P. G.

PEERLESS LODGE, NO. 33.

Thus pass away the men of might

Where noiseless footprints stamped the age,

Their thoughts that filled the earth with light,

Will glow and blaze on Memory's Page.

In Memoriam.

SCARLET DEGREE MEMBERS.

VICTORIA LODGE, NO. 1.

W. H. THURTELL. F. WILLIAMS.

COLUMBIA LODGE, NO. 2.

W. BUCKETT. JOSEPH DAVIES.

DOMINION LODGE, NO. 4.

DAVID GREEN. J. A. MCKAY. W. WESTERN.

J. E. REFUSE. J. D. CAMPBELL.

BLACK DIAMOND LODGE, NO. 5.

S. PRICE. J. WILSON. D. FERGUSON.

M. MELBERIN.

HARMONY LODGE, NO. 6.

A. BUCHANAN.

In Memoriam.

SCARLET DEGREE MEMBERS.

TATNAI LODGE, NO. 9.

J. P. NULL.

GOLD RANGE LODGE, NO. 22.

W. M. FOSTER.

PACIFIC LODGE, NO. 20.

J. WATTIE.

AMITY LODGE, NO. 27.

J. GUNN.

BANNER LODGE, NO. 31.

D. J. THOMAS.

PIERLESS LODGE, NO. 33.

W. H. DUNINGTON.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN LODGE, NO. 34.

A. M. T. ROSS.

CEDAR LODGE, NO. 35.

G. DAVIDSON. J. A. MCKENZIE.

BOUNDARY VALLEY LODGE, NO. 38.

W. B. PATON.

Earth turns to earth forever through the ages,
Dust to the dust in present as in past;
But a low whisper breathes through all time's pages
The things unseen, these, these alone shall last.

ABSTRACT OF REPORTS OF
 UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH

NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	NIGHT OF MEETING	Initiated. Admitted by Card Adm as Anc. O. F.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Expelled.
Victoria.....Lodge, No. 1	Victoria.	Monday ..	2 ..		2 ..	
Columbia..... " 2	do	Wednes'y.	2 ..			
Royal City..... " 3	New West'r...	Friday....	65 ..			
Dominion..... " 4	Victoria.....	Thursday..	6 ..	1 ..		
Black Diamond.... " 5	Nanaimo.....	Wednes'y.	6 1 ..			
Harmony..... " 6	Wellington...	Monday....				
Excelsior..... " 7	Chilliwack ..	Tuesday ..	4 1 ..			
Vancouver..... " 8	Vancouver ..	Friday....	2 ..		1 ..	
Tatnai..... " 9	Kamloops....	Monday....	1 ..			
Western Star..... " 10	Vancouver ..	Thursday..	10 1 ..			
Union..... " 11	Union.....	Friday....	5 ..			
Selkirk..... " 12	Revelstoke ..	Thursday..				
Cloverdale..... " 15	Cloverdale ..	Saturday..	1 ..			
Kootenay..... " 16	Nelson.....	Monday....	11 ..		1 ..	
Duncan..... " 17	Duncan.....	Saturday..	6 ..			
Vernon Valley.... " 18	Vernon.....	Friday....	1 ..			
Mt. Pleasant..... " 19	Mt. Pleasant..	Tuesday ..	5 1 ..	1 ..		
Centennial..... " 20	Nanaimo.....	Monday....	5 ..			
Delta..... " 21	Ladner.....	Monday....		1 2 ..		
Gold Range..... " 22	North Bend...	Saturday..	2 ..			
Ashcroft..... " 23	Ashcroft	Monday....	3 ..			
Island..... " 24	Eburne.....	Tuesday ..				
Revelstoke..... " 25	Revelstoke ..	Thursday..	4 ..	1 ..		
Pacific..... " 26	Vancouver ..	Tuesday ..	5 1 ..	2 3 1 ..		
Amity..... " 27	New West'r...	Monday....	3 ..	3 ..		
Cheam..... " 28	Agassiz.....	Saturday..	1 ..			
Banner..... " 31	Wellington ..	Tuesday ..	4 ..	2 1 ..		
Peerless..... " 33	Victoria.....	Friday....	3 ..			
Rocky Mountain .. " 34	Golden.....	Wednes'y.	6 ..			
Cedar..... " 35	Cedar District.	Saturday..	2 ..			
Rossland..... " 36	Rossland.....	Monday....	7 2 ..	3 2 ..		
Carson..... " 37	Carson.....	Saturday..	1 ..	2 ..		
Boundary Valley.. " 38	Greenwood....	Tuesday ..	1 1 ..			
Silver City..... " 39	Sandon.....	Friday....	3 2 ..			
Slocan..... " 40	Slocan City...	Thursday..	4 ..			
Trout Lake..... " 41	Trout Lake...	Tuesday ..	3 ..			
Key City..... " 42	Cranbrook ..	Friday....	28 10 ..			
			146 86	1 15	12	1

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SUBORDINATE LODGES.

COLUMBIA, I.O.O.F., FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1899.

Deceased.	Ceased Membership by N. P. D.	Error last Report.	Total Number of Members.	Rejected.	Degrees Conferr'd	No. of P. Grands.	RECEIPTS.				Total.
							Dues.	Admis's and Degrees	Rents and Inves'd Funds.	From all Other Sources	
2	7		109		6	34	\$ 693 75	\$ 47 00	\$ 850 00	\$ 60 25	\$ 1651 00
			150		8	36	881 50	58 00	486 74	20 75	1446 99
			158			45	576 50			121 00	697 50
1			153		10	41	810 25	134 50	195 00		1139 75
			154		13	25	1016 00	157 50	769 00		1942 50
1	2		126			21	754 50		414 80	147 00	1316 30
	1		32		12	15	109 00	95 00			204 00
			122		4	19	680 00	33 00	101 80	50 50	865 30
1	5		59			13	377 00	30 00	271 00	103 50	781 50
	2		187		39	27	1007 00	220 00		220 50	1447 50
			65		17	16	301 15	135 00	114 00	227 00	777 15
	4		74		16	16	346 10			9 00	355 10
			35		3	11	157 50	25 00	8 00		190 50
1	3		61	1	34	10	417 60	304 00		39 00	760 60
	1		43		18	12	236 00	124 00	242 00		602 00
			31	1	2	12	134 00	26 00			160 00
			43			13	212 00	113 00	93 75	25 00	443 75
	5		105		12	18	684 35	107 00			791 35
	7		37			13	228 75	44 00	10 25	33 00	316 00
			37	1	5	8	185 00	66 00	72 65	3 00	326 65
			34		9	10	201 00	90 00	142 00	25	433 25
			31			11	98 50		57 00		155 50
			59		21	6	356 00	180 00	52 00		588 00
	6		218	1	15	8	1342 25	169 50		3 75	1515 50
			146			10	862 50	120 00		1 50	1071 10
	5		41		1	8	218 00		158 45		376 45
			94		13	8	496 50	104 00		12 00	612 50
1			125		10	10	641 35	64 00			705 35
1			48		15	5	255 50	173 00	39 00		467 50
2	3		51		5	6	321 50	36 00		11 05	368 55
			76		21	4	788 25	196 00	656 00		1640 25
		1	29		3	6	92 00	20 00		27 50	139 50
	2		42		6	5	152 00	75 00			227 00
			75		7	6	460 45	116 00		20 00	596 45
			38		24	3	187 00	163 00	20 00	2 00	372 00
			23		9	1	158 00	113 00		50	271 50
			38		69		76 00	582 50			658 50
10	53	1	2049	4	427	512	\$16514 75	\$3621 00	\$4840 54	\$1138 05	\$26414 34

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UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH

NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	NIGHT OF MEETING	Initiated. Admitted by Card Adm as Anc. O. F.	Reinstated. Error last Report	Withdrawn.	Expelled.
Victoria..... Lodge, No. 1	Victoria.....	Monday ..	1			
Columbia..... "	2 do	Wednes'y.	1		1	
Royal City..... "	3 New West'r.	Friday ..	5	1	1	
Dominion..... "	4 Victoria.....	Thursday.	12	3		
Black Diamond.... "	5 Nanaimo.....	Wednes'y.	3			
Harmony..... "	6 Wellington..	Monday ..				
Excelsior..... "	7 Chilliwack ..	Tuesday ..	7	1		
Vancouver..... "	8 Vancouver ..	Friday ..	5			
Tatnai..... "	9 Kamloops....	Monday ..	1	1	2	
Western Star.... "	10 Vancouver..	Thursday.	13	1		1
Union..... "	11 Union.....	Friday ..		1		
Selkirk..... "	12 Revelstoke..	Thursday.	6			
Cloverdale..... "	15 Cloverdale ..	Saturday ..	2			
Kootenay..... "	16 Nelson.....	Monday ..	8	1	1	
Duncan..... "	17 Duncan.....	Saturday ..	1			
Vernon Valley.... "	18 Vernon.....	Friday ..	1			
Mt. Pleasant.... "	19 Mt. Pleasant	Tuesday ..	1			
Centennial..... "	20 Nanaimo....	Monday ..	1			
Delta..... "	21 Ladner.....	Monday ..				
Gold Range..... "	22 North Bend..	Saturday ..				
Ashcroft..... "	23 Ashcroft....	Monday ..	1		1	
Island..... "	24 Eburne.....	Tuesday ..	8	1	1	1
Revelstoke..... "	25 Revelstoke..	Thursday.	8	1		1
Pacific..... "	26 Vancouver..	Tuesday ..	4	1	1	
Amity..... "	27 New West'r.	Monday ..	6	1		
Cheam..... "	28 Agassiz....	Saturday ..	3			
Banner..... "	31 Wellington ..	Tuesday ..			3	
Peerless..... "	33 Victoria.....	Friday ..	4			
Rocky Mountain ..	34 Golden.....	Wednes'y.				
Cedar..... "	35 Cedar District	Saturday ..	1	1	1	
Rossland..... "	36 Rossland....	Monday ..	24	4		
Carson..... "	37 Carson.....	Saturday ..				
Boundary Valley.. "	38 Greenwood..	Tuesday ..	8	1		
Silver City..... "	39 Sandon.....	Friday ..	1			
Slocan..... "	40 Slocan City..	Thursday.	1		3	
Trout Lake..... "	41 Trout Lake..	Tuesday ..	4		1	
Key City..... "	42 Cranbrook ..	Friday ..	12		1	
Enterprise..... "	43 Trail.....	Tuesday ..	50	12	2	
			202	26	4	8
					3	15
						1

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

COLUMBIA, I.O.O.F., FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED DEC. 31, 1890.

Deceased.	Ceased Member-ship by N. P. D.	Error last Report.	Total Number of Members.	Rejected.	Degrees Confer'd	No. of P. Grands.	RECEIPTS.				Total.
							Dues.	Admis's and Degrees	Rents and Inves'd Funds.	From all Other Sources	
4	2		104		3	30	\$ 588 50	\$ 20 00	\$ 820 00	\$ 60 75	\$ 1498 25
1	3		146		4	37	812 00	36 50	593 55	85 45	1527 50
1	3		150		2	45	807 50	59 00			866 50
4	7		157		14	42	780 00	219 50	220 00		1219 50
4	8		145		7	25	856 00	80 00	852 00		1788 00
	3		123		22		684 00		561 15	226 50	1471 65
			40	1	15	17	192 75	105 00		75 00	372 75
	7		120		14	19	505 50	102 00	240 00	52 50	900 00
			65		13		341 10	37 00	149 50		527 60
			200		35	28	1080 00	233 00	156 24	1 50	1470 74
			60		17		276 50		110 00	71 25	457 75
			80		10	16	337 75	147 00		49 00	533 75
	7		30		6	10	302 35	65 00	36 00		403 95
			70		18	11	454 90	219 00	250 00		923 90
	2		42		6	12	235 00	31 50	24 25	160 00	450 75
		1	31			13	140 62	22 0	135 00		297 62
			44		5	11	230 00	27 00	47 75		304 75
1	6		99		4	20	546 87	30 00		100 75	677 60
			37		14		146 00		38 25	16 00	200 25
1			36		9		90 40	20 00			110 40
			34		1	10	106 75	15 00	36 00	2 25	220 00
	4		36		10		106 00	126 00		5 45	297 45
	1		66		25	6	304 40	293 00	111 50	32 00	830 90
1	9	1	213		28	9	1211 75	123 00			1334 75
1			152	1	11	11	817 31	86 00		196 06	1099 37
			44		6	9	235 00	63 00	44 50	11 00	353 50
1	6		84		3	8	417 50	10 00	54 38	68 75	550 63
1	16		112		14	10	484 00			110 21	594 21
			48		3	6	286 00	15 00	77 10		378 10
		1	51		3	7	392 70	20 00		5 00	417 70
			104	1	60	7	1522 02	692 00	63 00	871 95	3148 77
			29		6		20 00			5 00	25 00
1	2		48		24	6	193 00	248 00			441 00
	5		71		2	8	264 25	18 00			282 25
			36		4	4	165 00	37 00	23 75	5 75	231 50
			26	2	11	2	211 75	131 00		2 50	345 25
		1	48		48	2	293 50	261 50		13 50	568 50
			64	1	187	3	203 00	977 00		45 25	1225 25
21	91	4	3060	0	573	538	\$16971 65	\$4559 00	\$4644 52	\$2282 37	\$28457 54

ABSTRACT OF THE
OF SUBORDINATE LODGES—GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH

NAME AND NO. OF LODGE.	No. of Brothers Relieved.	No. of Widowed Families Relieved	No. of Brothers Buried.	No. of Weeks Sick Benefits Paid	Relief of	
					Brothers.	Widowed Families
Victoria Lodge No. 1	26	1		551	\$ 2226 00	\$62 50
Columbia " " 2	23		3	255	1592 00	.....
Royal City " " 3	15		1	137	1082 00	.....
Dominion " " 4	23	1	2	190	1196 00	10 00
Black Diamond " " 5	24	2	4	209	1365 00	.....
Harmony " " 6	29		1	236	1870 00	.....
Excelsior " " 7	5			10	70 00	.....
Vancouver " " 8	14			70	464 00	.....
Tatnai " " 9	6		1	86	665 00	.....
Western Star " " 10	11			57	420 00	.....
Union " " 11	6			83	480 00	.....
Selkirk " " 12	6			82	530 00	.....
Cloverdale " " 15	3			40	191 00	.....
Kootenay " " 16	3	1		9	81 00	.....
Duncan " " 17	4			68	272 00	.....
Vernon Valley " " 18	1			3	30 00	.....
Mt. Pleasant " " 19	7			23	207 00	.....
Centennial " " 20	13	1		160	1338 50	.....
Delta " " 21	8			64	580 25	.....
Gold Range " " 22	2	1		3	15 40	.....
Ashcroft " " 23	3			24	217 50	.....
Island " " 24	4			34	285 00	.....
Revelstoke " " 25	2			9	76 00	.....
Pacific " " 26	24	1		278	1584 00	.....
Amity " " 27	26	1		195	1629 00	.....
Cheam " " 28	9			37	252 00	.....
Banner " " 31	16	1		115	985 00	.....
Peerless " " 33	10	2		25	225 00	.....
Rocky Mountain " " 34	3	1		58	534 85	.....
Cedar " " 35	4	2		59	565 00	.....
Rossland " " 36	6			21	114 50	.....
Carson " " 37					.....	.....
Boundary Valley " " 38	3	1		9	100 00	.....
Silver City " " 39	3			14	141 45	.....
Slocan " " 40	2			6	19 00	.....
Trout Lake " " 41						
Key City " " 42	1	1		6	36 00	
Enterprise " " 43						
	345	4	25	3226	\$21499 45	\$72 50

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AMOUNT PAID FOR.					Total Assets.
Relief of Orphans.	Burying the Dead.	Special Relief.	Total Amt. Expended for Relief.	Current Expenses.	
.....	\$ 25 00	\$324 25	\$ 2637 75	\$ 400 75	\$31034 64
.....	225 00	38 00	1855 00	726 04	35000 00
\$60 00	75 00	15 00	1232 00	500 00	2856 48
.....	201 00	311 00	1718 10	559 11	14778 00
51 05	225 00	82 50	1724 15	1012 05	28762 10
.....	75 00	10 00	1955 00	641 61	11459 70
.....	.....	.....	70 00	45 00	3878 00
.....	35 00	25 00	524 00	336 65	9706 56
.....	75 00	.....	710 00	608 45	4850 00
.....	.....	.....	420 00	287 35	8158 32
.....	.....	.....	480 00	417 00	1275 00
.....	.....	.....	530 00	233 95	1000 00
.....	.....	.....	191 00	112 10	2959 35
.....	.....	.....	81 00	290 00	5653 82
.....	.....	.....	272 00	639 71	2845 49
.....	35 00	.....	65 00	314 57	1444 40
.....	.....	.....	207 00	435 60	1025 00
.....	75 00	75 00	1548 50	373 25	4063 37
.....	.....	.....	580 25	180 70	530 88
.....	75 00	.....	90 40	83 95	1899 90
.....	.....	.....	217 50	425 00	1975 00
.....	.....	.....	285 00	151 65	1550 00
.....	.....	.....	76 00	320 25	6319 00
.....	90 00	.....	1674 00	603 03	4802 75
.....	155 00	22 00	1806 00	1151 05	3467 38
.....	.....	.....	252 00	58 25	2060 40
.....	110 00	95 00	1190 09	308 40	2046 61
.....	150 00	10 00	385 00	375 90	1757 16
.....	56 10	.....	590 95	243 55	2092 67
.....	150 00	.....	715 00	162 60	595 60
.....	10 00	26 00	150 50	888 94	3800 27
.....	.....	.....	.....	130 00	605 00
.....	85 00	68 00	253 00	211 70	1749 92
.....	.....	.....	141 45	501 95	2027 17
.....	.....	.....	19 00	269 80	563 85
.....	.....	.....	.....	123 20	861 00
.....	15 30	.....	51 30	672 29	657 41
.....	.....	.....	.....	403 35	1033 99
\$111 65	\$1942 40	\$1101 85	\$24727 85	\$15329 25	\$211216 10

ABSTRACT OF THE REPORTS OF REBEKAH LODGES.

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F., FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1890.

Name and No. of Lodge.	Location.	Night of Meeting.	Members admitted during the year.		Total Number of Members.		Receipts	Payments.		Assets.
			Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.		Relief of Mbs	Lodge Expenses	
Colfax, No. 1	Victoria.	2nd and 4th Tuesdays...	8	5	20	35	\$ 77 50	\$	\$ 75 88	\$121 20
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